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North Korean Sub Raised

An undersea demolition team of the South Korean Navy taking up position Thursday as a North Korean submarine was raised from the bottom and made ready to be opened. Page 5.

Court Upholds Lawyer Privilege **Even After Death**

Ruling Stops Starr From Acquiring Notes About Late Presidential Aide

> By Brian Knowlton International Herald Tribune

WASHINGTON -- The Supreme Court on Thursday rejected an effort by the independent prosecutor Kenneth Starr to obtain notes of a conversation that the White House deputy counsel Vincent Foster had with his lawyer days before he killed himself, thereby confirming that attorney-client privilege does not end

mousiy draise decision, saying that had the court rejected the idea of privilege continuing after death, it would have dramatically undermined clients' trust in the confidentiality of discussions with lawyers.

The ruling was welcomed by the White House, which had lost some of its earlier battles over privilege. An official traveling with the U.S. presidential delegation in China called the ruling "an important validation of the vital issue of attorney-client priv-

In another major ruling as the court nears the end of its term, the justices struck down as unconstitutional the line-item veto law that had allowed the president to

cancel specific items in tax and spending measures.

The 6-to-3 decision was criticized by the White House as "a defeat for all Americans" that deprived the president of a valuable tool for eliminating wasteful spending — "pork," in Washington terminology
— from U.S. budgets. (Page 3.)
Chief justice William Rehnquist, who wrote for the

majority in the ruling on attorney-client secrecy, indicated that the weight of history was on the side of the privilege.

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IMF and Indonesia Alter Rescue Terms

By Cindy Shiner
Washington Post Service

JAKARTA - Indonesia and the International Monetary Fund agreed Thursday on a revised program to bail out the country's devastated economy and impose reforms. But officials said that after months of economic and social turmoil the country would now require even more international funds to help it re-

The new agreement, the fourth in eight months, puts greater emphasis on helping the poor by assuring food supplies and bolstering the banking system, officials

The economic situation and outlook have worsened considerably, and the economy faces a very serious crisis," said Hubert Neiss, the Fund's chief

Mr. Neiss said that economic turmoil and political and social upheaval had made the current \$43 billion IMF bailout inadequate. The country's economy is expected to contract by more than 10 percent and

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Clinton, in China, Defends 'Closer Ties'

By John F. Harris and Michael Laris

XIAN, China - President Bill Clinton was greeted here Thursday with a drums-banging, banners-flying arrival ceremony designed to evoke the glory of an ancient Chinese empire, an occasion he used to challenge critics of his quest for warmer relations with the world's most populous nation.

An hour after Air Force One touched down for the first stop on a nine-day journey through China, Mr. Clinton told several hundred people gathered for the invitation-only ceremony — replete with the costumes and rituals of the Tang Dynasty more than 1,000 years - that people who would question "the closer ties and deeper friendship" he is seeking misunderstand the benefits of engagement.

'As two great nations, we have a special responsibility to the future of the world," said Mr. Clinton, who was making the first visit by a U.S. president to China since the 1989 massacre of prodemocracy demonstrators at Tianan-

men Square in Beijing.

"The steps we take over the next week can lead to far greater strides for our people in the years ahead," he continued

[He Chinese government hailed a new era of relations with the United States, Reuters reported from Beijing.

[A Foreign Ministry spokesman dismissed as "noise pollution" objections from Mr. Clinton's Republican critics to his visit. "This does not represent the aspirations of most American people," the spokesman, Tang Guoqiang, said.] Just hours before the arrival,

however, Chinese authorities gave new ammunition to critics of the Beijing government and Mr. Clinton's engagement policy by detaining several suspected dissidents at stops along the president's itinerary

The Information Center of Human Rights and Democratic Movement in China, which is based in Hong Kong, reported that two dissidents had been detained, with their condition and whereabouts unknown, in the Xian

group said, a member of the former dissident group Human Rights Voice was similarly detained, while tightened security checks were being implemented against government critics in Beijing and Shanghai.

Clinton administration officials said they considered the reports reliable and expressed concern. "I would expect that Sasser will bring this up with the

Army band accustomed to U.S. presidents. • Xian a battleground over archaeology. Page 4.

Chinese government directly" later Thursday, said P. J. Crowley, a White House spokesman traveling with Mr. Clinton's delegation, referring to James Sasser, the U.S. ambassador to China.

In his meetings with President Jiang Zemin on Saturday, Mr. Crowley con-tinued, "The president, will encourage China to allow freer political dialogue so that all Chinese citizens can be free to express their political beliefs without government interference.

Privately, administration officials ac-knowledged their embarrassment about the impolitic timing of the detentions.

Arrests of this kind are common before high-level visits to China, and one American official speculated that Beijing believed it was trying to ensure

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Flowers, schoolchildren and welcoming smiles setting the mood Thursday in Xian for the Clintons.

Doing Business in China: An Obstacle Course

By John Pomfret Washington Post Service

BEIJING - If ever there was an auspicious time for a powerful American corporation to get a license to do business in China, this would seem to be that time.

With the economies of Asia tottering and the Chinese desperate to halt a slide in foreign investments, with President Jiang Zemin about to welcome President Bill Clinton with open arms, and with George Bush, that "old friend of In the southern city of Guilin, the seem to be in line. But so far, no go.

At the Beijing offices of the Chubb Group of Insurance Companies, which has spent millions of dollars off and on since 1979 trying to get a license to insure property in China, there is little hope of a breakthrough.

And Chubb is not alone. It is just one of 23 American insurance companies and legions of other American enterprises - from banks to phone companies — trying to gain access to China's market of 1.2 billion people.

And as if that was not enough, those who do have access to the market sometimes think that While government-to-government ties be-

markedly since the 1989 crackdown on studentled protests in Tiananmen Square and the Taiwan missile crisis of 1995, U.S.-China business ties have sunk to their worst point in several years.

tween the United States and China have improved

Notably missing from Mr. Clinton's nine-day tour of China, which started Thursday and is the first time an American president has come here since Mr. Bush visited in 1989, is any strong business initiative from the White House or breakthrough on market access or trade ties.

Stung by allegations from Congress that its

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Nike Hones

Its Image on

Rights in Asia

By Philip Segal

doctor, has a tough job on her hands. Human rights organizations continue

to accuse the athletic-equipment maker of underpaying most of its 500,000 sub-

contracted Asian workers and of locking independent monitors out of its fac-

tories. Meanwhile, Miss Saini is left to talk up her company's free night-school

program for 600 people.
Until recently, Nike had been living a

public relations nightmare, lampooned in the "Doonesbury" comic strip, which

regularly features ferocious factory man-

agement and miserable, underpaid work-

ers at factories in Vietnam. Like plants in

Indonesia, the factories in Vietnam are not owned by Nike but are contracted to

snapped into action in May, announcing a series of reforms on working con-

ditions, and pressing company executives like Miss Saini to talk up Nike's

But the human rights groups credited with pushing Mr. Knight to respond are

withholding their applause for the mo-

ment. Nike has yet to announce how

independent monitoring of Asian fac-

tories will work, and is standing by its

Whether the announced reforms are

'window dressing or substantial, we'll

have to wait and see," said Joshua Kar-

liner, executive director of the Transna-

tional Resource and Action Center, a

nonprofit group that often criticizes conditions at U.S. factories overseas. "The

big question is: Nike said nongovern-

mental organizations should participate in monitoring. What kind of participation that means is still up in the air.

So, despite a dearth of substantial

changes to announce, Miss Saini

presses ahead, jetting around Asia to spread the good word on Nike.

As the company's corporate and so-

cial responsibility manager for Asia, she

is both the Nike spokesperson and the

person in charge of making sure that Nike's subcontractors adhere to the

company's labor and pay standards.

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make the bulk of its athletic shoes. When the negative publicity got too shrill, the Nike chairman, Phil Knight,

HONG KONG - Harsh Saini, Nike Inc.'s Asian troubleshooter and spin

Germans, Yugoslavs, **Mexicans and Dutch** Advance to Final 16

International Herald Tribun PARIS - Germany and Yugoslavia advanced to the second round of the World Cup Thursday night with comfortable victories in the last pair of matches in Group F.

They follow the Netherlands and

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Mexico, which drew, 2-2, in Saint-Etienne earlier in the day to take the top two places in Group E.
In the second round, the Dutch will face Yugoslavia and Germany will meet Mexico.

In Montpellier, Germany beat Iran, which needed to win to advance, with two headed second half goals.
In Nantes, Slobodan Komljenovic scored with a header in the third

minute, and Yugoslavia went on to win, I-0, against the United States.

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U.S. goalkeeper Brad Friedel kneeling while his teammate Ernie Stewart picks the ball out of the net after Slobodan Komljenovic of Yugoslavia scored the only goal of the match. Page 29.

AGENDA

Homemade Bomb Kills 2 in Paris Apartment Building

PARIS (AFP) — Two people were killed Thursday in a blast caused by a homemade bomb in an apartment building in eastern Paris, the police said.

Georges Sarre, mayor of Paris's 11th arrondissement, where the explosion took place, also announced that the blast had been caused by a homemade explosive device and that it was "not of domestic

The explosion occurred at about 6:30 P.M., killing woman and an adolescent boy.

Mr. Same said the victims were Yngoslavs. The woman was a cleaner who had lived in the building for a long time, "without ever having any problem," the

Witnesses said the woman was about 40 years old

Nigeria Said to Be Likely to Free Abiola

LAGOS (AP) - Nigeria's best-known political prisoner. Moshood Abiola, the apparent winner of 1993's presidential elections, is likely to be released by the country's new military leader, a senior junta official said Thursday. Pages 21-25.

The military government said it had ordered the release of 17 more political prisoners Thursday, but Mr. Abiola was not among them.

mayor said.

and lived with her two sons, aged 14 and 17.

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Ulster Goes to Polls in Historic Vote for an Assembly

By Warren Hoge New York Times Service

marked another milestone in its bullets-to-ballots pas-

Voters were choosing 108 lawmakers from a field of

will restore lasting local government here for the first time since the British imposed direct rule in 1972 and establish a structure to meet the elusive goal of power sharing among the Roman Catholic and Protestant

No results will be known before Friday.

In a symbol of the profoundly changed attitudes here, among those running for office were reformed and killers of the past three decades, in which more than 3,200 people have died in sectarian violence.

The election was a test of the public's faith in their conversion to political means and of its trust in the overall peace settlement that emerged April 10 from 26 months of negotiations in Belfast. The agreement was endorsed by referendums in Ireland and Northern Ireland on May 22,

The creation of the assembly is one of the steps called for in the accord, which was carefully patterned men who had been some of the most notorious bombers to give equal weight to the Catholic longing for - from Body Shop International PLC, an

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controversy, was hired away last year

Miss Saini, no stranger to corporate

BELFAST - The Northern Ireland peace process sage Thursday as residents of the long-polarized province turned out in large numbers to elect members

nearly 300 candidates from once warring parties to serve in the Northern Ireland Assembly. The new body

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PAGE TWO

Suburb of a War Zone / Chevron's Enclave in Angola

A Piece of America in Malongo

By Suzanne Daley

ALONGO, Angola — In this remote northern region of war-ravaged Angola, many of the accents are from the South of the United States — Texas,

Here there are paved roads smooth enough to Rollerblade on. Folger's' coffee seems to be percolating in every office. You can have hot dogs and chocolate chip cookies for lunch. Or play golf on the

18-hole par-3 course.
In the 20 years that civil war has raged across this once lush and prosperous former Portuguese colony -- leaving virtually every road cratered, every power plant destroyed, every manufacturing plant silent — the oil rigs at Chevron's installation have just kept on pumping. The offshore horizon is a collection of spindly towers, some spouting bright

The uninterrupted flow was made possible by one of the more bizarre twists of money and politics. At the height of the war, Chevron's installation was protected by Cuban troops who were supporting the Marxist Angolan government in its struggle against a rebel onslaught.

At that time the United States was a staunch supporter of the rebels, the National Union for the Total Independence of Angola, known as UNITA, the acronym for its name in Portuguese. But the Reagan administration continued to allow Chevron to produce oil, about 50 percent of which went to the Angolan government to pay for its war against UNITA, Most of the oil was sold to America.

The Cubans are now gone. With the country in an uneasy bridge between war and peace, Angolan troops protect the area, which as part of Cabinda Province is cut off from the rest of Angola, and business is booming. The compound is a work in progress: expanded living quarters, a new dining hall, new office space and a new clinic are all under

Angola is Africa's hortest oil territory right now. Recent offshore discoveries by Chevron and other international oil companies hold out the promise that Angola, which pumps about 740,000 barrels a day, may someday rival Nigeria's 2 million a day. Experts say this new-found wealth has the potential to speed Angola's recovery from its devastating

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Yet what troubles many diplomats and business executives is the habit the wealth has of disap-

Angola's books have remained so opaque that the International Monetary Fund refuses to do business here. World Bank officials say that more than half of the government's spending is on items not in the official budget. And while Luanda, the capital, has become a city with fancy sports cars and Paris couture imports, such luxuries remain the province of a tiny minority.

'N CABINDA CITY, the nearest town to the Chevron compound, there are no signs of Paris and few of public works. The roads quickly turn to dirt, and much of the housing is shacks. A public pool under construction when civil war broke out in 1966 remains unfinished and overgrown, only the diving board rising above tree line as a reminder of what might have been.

Here, as across the country, many civil servants



is considered at least a part of the growing violence

in rural areas.

Inside the compound, Chevron has built a bubble world. Its American employees work 12-hour days for 28 days straight, then jet back home for 28 days' rest. They are not allowed outside the fence, which is widely believed to be surrounded by land mines, though Chevron officials decline to talk about most security measures. Worried about their employees' safety, Chevron does not even let them drive the 12 miles (19 kilometers) between Malongo and the

airport. They are taken by helicopter.
"Nobody just walks out the gate," said Larry Jostes, who is general manager here for 28 days, then goes home to San Francisco for 28 days of rest.

"We know where everybody is all the time."
Many of the oil workers say their families know little about the country. Chuck Blevins, who runs a platform 30 miles out at sea, says he doubts that his wife or children back in Mississippi could find Angola on a map. Here, the focus is on the huge machinery and engineering feats that keep the oil production up.

"It is a very exciting time to be here," said Don Nicholson, an electronic instrumentation specialist from Utah who has been working on one of the platforms for nine months. "We're at the cutting edge of the business."

Mr. Nicholson says he is nonetheless curious about what goes on in Angola and has taken some Portuguese lessons, though without much success. 'That Portuguese is just tearing me up." he

The oil companies have survived by remaining politically neutral and are not inclined to change that. Once the oil heads for the markets, they do not really worry about what happens to Angola's share of the profits.

But it is increasingly an issue for Angola, which are paid irregularly. And banditry by unfed soldiers | has seen little social rehabilitation despite annual | the money away

CABINDA CONGO REP. ANGOLA

Madeleine Albright, the U.S. secretary of state, addressing workers last year on an offshore oil-rig belonging to the Chevron installation at Malongo. Angola is Africa's hottest oil territory right now. Recent offshore discoveries by Chevron and other oil companies hold out the promise that Angola may someday rival Nigeria's 2 million barrels a day.

budgets of about \$3.5 billion and 40 months of relative peace.

"Where has all the money gone?" has become a growing refrain here, even among members of Parliament. One recently lashed out at government, describing decrepit hospitals where 12 children a week die of malaria. Another said prisoners died of starvation in the country's jails.

OVERNMENT officials have defended their reluctance to let anyone see the books by pointing out that they are still at war and do not want information about

their financial strength to leak out.
International creditors say some of the oil profits go straight into arms purchases, but corruption is widely assumed to siphon off much of the rest.

Meanwhile, the government is driving harder and harder bargains for its oil. In the past, bidders merely submitted breakdowns of how eventual profits would be split. Now they must cough up 'signing fees' that in the last 18 months amount to more than \$200 million.

According to the London-based newsletter Africa Confidential, much of this new income remains inside the state oil company, Sonangol, and never makes it to the Ministries of Health and Education that desperately need it.

Even if the money reached the Treasury, Angola

is probably unable to spend it wisely, experts say. For instance, since it is unable to get cheaper IMF loans, it is paying huge foreign debts built up during the war at exorbitant interest rates.

Decades of war have left Angola with little expertise at investment management. But so much money is on the way that it will be impossible, some experts hope, for corrupt bureaucrats to steal it all. 'The magnitude of the resources." a diplomat

said, "make it impossible for you to just quietly take

Students Dropping Out For High-Tech Jobs Computer Industry Is Depleting Academia

By Ethan Bronner

NEW YORK - The high-tech field, the fastest growing of the U.S. economy, has become so voracious in its hiring that university computer science departments across the country are losing graduate students and, in growing numbers, undergraduates to an industry fueled by vast sums of money.

Faculty positions in computer science are going unfilled, and doctoral programs have seen a big drop-off in applications. Moreover, students working toward master's and bachelor's degrees are increasingly abandoning their studies for well-paying jobs in a field whose wealthy stars, like Bill Gates, famously dropped out of college.

Many experts fear that fundamental research will decline and that the next generation of American computer scientists will be stunted. "I'm afraid we're eating our seed corn," said Peter Denning, vice provost of George Mason University in Virginia.

For many young people, a job paying from \$30,000 to \$60,000 a year seems far more appealing than pursuing a de-

gree whose value is unclear.

"A degree is just a piece of paper with a gold stamp on it," said Jonah Blossom, 20, who left Santa Barbara City College after one year to take a full-time, \$30,000-a-year job as a computer specialist at a nearby concern where a number of his bosses and colleagues did not finish their studies.

That paper isn't going to help you find bugs in a system or create com-pelling Web sites," he said. "That de-pends on your ability. My employers are not interested in certificates or where I've been to school."

While other academic fields over the years have witnessed shifts in talent away from universities — it happened in biotechnology in the 1980s — there is no precedent to what is happening today in computers both in the scale and in the challenge it poses to the discipline.

"Without wanting to sound hyster-ical, this is really changing the shape of education in a fundamental way," said Guy Smith, who runs the multimedia laboratory at Santa Barbara City College. "You hear of kids leaving high school and making almost six figures,

Joseph Liemandt dropped out of Stanford after his junior year and founded the Trilogy Development Group, a hugely successful software marketing company in Austin, Texas, in 1989. Mr. Liemandt says his company, like many others, simply does not care about an applicant suniversity credentials. 'If we interview two people and one

has a 4.0 from MIT in computer science and doesn't impress us in the interout of some small college and impressed us, we'd always hire the second guy.

Computer science professors, in something of a state of shock, are sharply divided over what is happening and how to respond.

Most are warning that when the overheated market for programmers and Web-site designers cools or shifts in emphasis, those who have left their studies will be, in essence, laid-off bluecollar workers without credentials, like telephone operators after digital switching or auto workers after robotics.

At the Florida Institute of Technology in Melbourne, Florida, Richard Newman, associate dean of engineering, says his institution is trying to com-promise with corporate raiders by urging cooperative ventures whereby the companies pay for students to complete their studies while they work.

We even had two or three freshmen go off to take jobs setting up Web pages. Mr. Newman said. We retry-ing to find a solution to end the competition between us and industry."

But some computer experts say that universities have failed to keep computer science curriculums up to date. "Universities have done such a bad

job of providing what you need to know that a B.A. in computer science is almost considered worthless," said Allen Holub, an author and computer design consultant in San Francisco. "Many tenured professors came out of math departments. Mathematicians make lousy programmers. They focus on al-gorithms, which are the underlying rules of some programs. But the vast majority of programs today are not algorithm-based but data-based."

With sophisticated new computer

With sophisticated new computer languages, like Java, programmers can draw on a prepackaged set of formulas and tools and simply plug them in, without a need for understanding the underlying theory of computer language.

"After a semester learning Java, a student can already do an incredible amount," said Kenneth E. Martin, a professor of computer and information

professor of computer and information sciences at the University of North Florida in Jacksonville. "My colleagues see their former students with a B.S. and stock options. Maybe that's better than

The American computer industry is exploding. The Bureau of Labor Statistics projects a 108 percent increase in demand for systems analysts, engineers and computer scientists by 2006.

Today there are an estimated 933,000 jobs in the these fields. By 2006, the bureau estimates, that will rise to 1.9 million. Yet the nation's computer science programs each year are graduating only 25,000 students with bachelor's

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TRAVEL UPDATE

German Border Checks

BONN (AFP)—Legislators approved a bill Thursday giving the border police wider powers to check the identity of all travelers on and near German frontiers,

instead of just suspects as previously. The Bundestag, the lower house of Parliament, also authorized the border police to operate beyond the 30-kilometer (20-mile) zone inside the frontier to which they had been limited up to now.

The police will have no right, however, to conduct body and luggage searches of passengers in trains, railroad stations and is engaged in illegal activity.

More than 100 people were hospitalized in Athens on Thursday as a heat wave swept the city, with temperatures soaring to 37 degrees centigrade (99 degrees Fahrenheit) for a second day. (AP)

The sale of alcohol on cross-Channel ferries will be suspended for 24 hours this weekend in a move to prevent hooliganism, French officials said.

Hyundai Group, South Korea's largest industrial conglomerate, said it would send a group of tourists to North Korea on its cruise liner on Sept. 25. marking the first such visit to the closed Communist country.

Togo Shaken by Charges of Stolen Presidential Vote

By James Rupert

LOME, Togo - After 31 years in power, Africa's longest-ruling leader has won re-election as president of this small, west coast state. But foreign election observers, Western diplomats and chanting crowds of Togolese called the result a crude fraud that would renew

The democratization movement that swept Africa at the start of the decade has stalled in recent years, making slow progress in some countries while stagnating or retreating in others. The vote here Sunday appeared to confirm fears that despite foreign pressure, including a cutoff of most Western aid. Togo remains one of Africa's firmest strongholds of "Big Man" rule.

Under domestic and international pressure, President Gnassingbe Eyadema, a brawny soldier who seized power in a coup in 1967, permitted innovations for this election that raised hopes that it would be Togo's first free presidential ballot, foreign election observers and Togolese citizens said this week. Opposition candidates were even allowed to make brief campaign streets of this capital, chanting "Eythe pressure on" the Eyadema govallowed to make brief campaign speeches on state television

On Sunday, voters jammed polling places, many waiting as long as six hours to cast ballots. "I had never voted before," said Stephan Aklama, one of a crowd of protesters chanting and marching Wednesday. "This time, with six candidates running, I decided it could

mean something. We all did."

But on Monday, as early returns showed Mr. Eyadema in danger of losing, the vote count was halted without explanation.

On Tuesday, the National Election Commission's chairman, Awa Nana, and four commission members resigned because of what Ms. Nana called "pressure, intimidation and real threats' from sources she did not identify. On Tuesday morning, Mr. Ey-

adema's internal security minister. General Seyni Memene, said that he had taken over the ballot count and that Mr. Eyadema had won 52 percent, just enough to avoid a runoff against his main opponent. Gilchrist Olympic. Shortly after General Memene's anstreets of this capital, chanting adema, thief!" and calling for Mr.
Olympio's installation as president.

The European Union's election monitoring team said that Mr. Eyadema's election had not been open and aboveboard. But the Togolese foreign minister. Kofi Panou, decided that it had been conducted "to the satisfaction of

Foreign monitors said Mr. Olympio had outpolled Mr. Eyadema across much of Lome, which contains a quarter of the registered voters in this country of barely 5 million people. "By all available evidence, Gilchrist Olympio

on," a Western diplomat said. Mr. Olympio is the son of Togo's first president, Sylvanus Olympio, who was killed in a 1963 coup led by Mr. Ey-adema, and he has remained Mr. Eyadema's most implacable political foe.

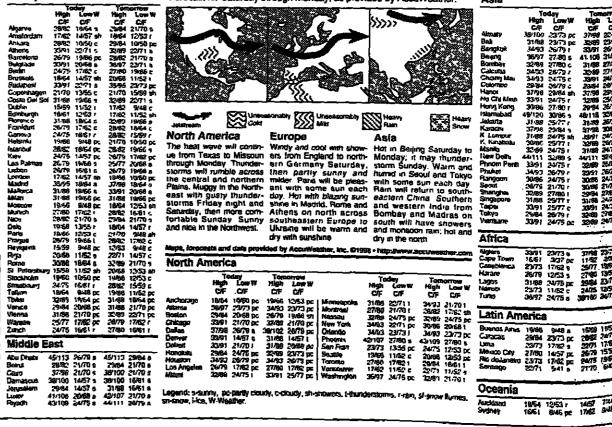
Mr. Olympio, in exile in neighboring Ghana, said there that his party's count showed him winning 59 percent of the vote, compared with Mr. Eyadema's 30 percent. He called Mr. Eyadema's victory claim "one big farce" and urged

emment. Lome has been tense and semi-deser-

ted since Sunday, with many merchants, including poor people who scrape out a living as sidewalk vendors, staying

On Wednesday, youths rioted in Be, a poor district near the city center. They burned cars and tires and threw stones at the police, who fired tear gas.

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Because of an inaccurate dispatch by Agence France-Presse, an article in Thursday's editions incorrectly reported the annual profit and revenue figures for Psion PLC of Britain. The maker of hand-held computers and software last year earned £50.8 million, on revenue of £142 million.

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Line-Item Veto Is Struck Down

Supreme Court Says It Violates Constitution's Separation of Powers

By Brian Knowlton International Herald Tribune

WASHINGTON - The Supreme Court struck down as unconstitutional on Thursday a law that had allowed the president to cancel specific items in tax and spending measures.

In a 6-to-3 decision involving the fundamental notion of the separation of powers, the court held that Congress had given the president more power than the Constitution allowed.

The decision was a setback to President Bill Clinton, who took time from his China visit to express his deep disappointment. "The decision is a defeat for all Americans," he said in a statement issued in Xian, China.

The elimination of the so-called lineitem veto, he said, deprived the president of a valuable tool for eliminating wasteful spending — "pork," in Washington terminology — from U.S. budgets.

Mr. Clinton had used the line-item

veto 82 times since the law was passed in 1996, using the scalpel to cut out an estimated \$355 million of federal spending. He had said that although the amount might seem small in terms of the overall federal budget, the fact that he could wield a targeted veto had a sober-

ing effect on budget-makers.

line-item veto violated a constitutional requirement that every bill be presented to the president for his approval or veto. A line-item veto, the justices said, in effect allows a partial veto, which the Constitution does not provide for.

Writing for the court, Justice John Paul Stevens said that "if there is to be a new procedure in which the president will play a different role in determining the text of what may become a law, such change must come not by legislation but through the amendment procedures set forth" in the Constitution.

While the line-item veto had strong support from many Republicans, including Mr. Clinton's immediate predecessors, George Bush and Ronald Reagan, and was an important plank in the Republican Party agenda known as the 'Contract With America," the prospects for a constitutional amendment appear small.

Amending the Constitution requires support from two-thirds of the members of both Houses and ratification by threefourths of the states. Since the early days of the nation, the constitution has been amended less than once a decade.

It was, however, a victory for socalled strict constitutionalists. Senator Robert Byrd, Democrat of West Virginia, who was part of an unsuccessful The court, however, found that the attempt last year to block the line-item

veto, said Thursday that by opposing it, "We are protecting the liberties of the people who send us here."

In other cases on Thursday, the court made these rulings:

• The government can deny cash grants to artists because their work is considered indecent. The policy, the justices said in an 8-to-1 decision, does not violate the artists' constitutional right to free speech. According to the court, the National Endowment for the Arts can consider both decency and artistic merit in allocating public moneys. The law had been challenged by a group of artists, including a performance artist who smeared her naked body with chocolate.

 HIV-infected people are protected by a federal ban on discrimination against the disabled even if they suffer no symptoms of AIDS. The 5-to-4 ruling ordered a lower court to reconsider whether a Maine dentist violated the Americans With Disabilities Act when he refused to fill an HIV-infected woman's tooth in his office.

· Witnesses cannot invoke the Fifth Amendment privilege against self-incrimination solely because they fear prosecution in a foreign country. The justices, voting 7-to-2 in the case of a suspected Nazi collaborator who lives in New York, narrowed the use of the privilege in a way sought by the Clinton administration. The government had contended that such a narrow interpretation was needed to thwart terrorists, drug smugglers and other international

In the line-item-veto case, the immediate challenge had come from parties directly harmed by line-item vetoes that Mr. Clinton had imposed, including New York City, which would have lost some Medicaid money, and an Idaho potato growers' group, which had lost a narrowly targeted capital-gains

A federal judge had found the veto unconstitutional in February. He said that Congress could not delegate such authority to the president. U.S. District Judge Thomas Hogan said it amounted to Congress surrendering an "inherently legislative function" to the president.

The Clinton administration had contended that a line-item veto was simply a presidential exercise in spending au-



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FLORIDA FIRES — Firefighters holding the line in Volusia County, Florida, as they tried to protect a subdivision west of Ormond Beach. Wildfires have blackened more than 100,000 acres in the state.

POLITICAL NOTES

Away From Politics

• The Boston Globe has asked the American Society of Newspaper Editors to rescind an award to the columnist virus has returned to the Southwest, killing a boy and a Patricia Smith, who quit after admitting fabrications. (AP) woman in Colorado and a man in New Mexico. (NYT)

nogen," an advisory panel convened by the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences said. (WP)

• Electric and magnetic fields that surround electric power • Rebuilding of the quake-damaged portion of the Oaklines should be regarded as a "possible human carci- land-San Francisco Bay Bridge has been approved. (AP)

CNN to Sift Nerve Gas Report Libel Lawyer Hired to Investigate Broadcast's Charges

WASHINGTON — CNN has hired a well-known libel lawyer, Floyd Abrams, to conduct an independent in-

CNN and Time magazine, which said that they are re-examining the direct competitors. story about what was called Operation

The allegation of nerve gas use was leveled on the June 7 premiere of "total independence."

tween CNN and Time, which are both owned by Time Warner Inc.

"NewsStand," a collaboration be-

Since then, CNN's military analyst vestigation of its recently broadcast has quit in protest, soldiers involved in assertions that U.S. troops used nerve the operation have insisted that no gas in Laos in 1970 against American nerve gas was used and the report has been challenged in The New York Times, The Washington Post and iointly researched the broadcast, have Newsweek, which is one of Time's

Mr. Abrams said Wednesday that Tailwind. But CNN's decision to he would "consider all the criticisms bring in a big-name outside inves- made about the story" and report back tigator is an unusual step for any news to the CNN news group chairman, Tom Johnson.

He also said that he would have

Abortion Drug Faces a Curb

WASHINGTON - The House has voted, 223 to 202, to prohibit the Food and Drug Administration from using federal money to test, develop or approve any drug that

chemically induces abortion. The measure offered by Representative Tom Coburn. Republican of Oklahoma, was aimed at blocking federal approval of RU-486, a drug used in Europe to induce nonsurgical abortions. As party lines were crossed on Wednesday, 37 Republicans voted against the measure and 35 Democrats supported it.

Mr. Coburn questioned why members defended RU-486 **Quote/Unquote** as an advance in scientific research. "To do research to take life, somehow that doesn't smell right," he said. (WP)

pecially health maintenance organizations. The insurance industry immediately denounced the proposal, saying it would increase costs for consumers.

The House Republican proposals would guarantee coverage of emergency medical care, assure open communication between doctors and patients and allow women in an HMO to go directly to obstetricians and gynecologists, without getting prior approval.

Democratic leaders in the Senate and the House said the plan did not do nearly enough to protect consumers, but the reaction from the White House was upbeat.

Patients' Rights Bill Unveiled

WASHINGTON — House Republicans have unveiled a

Newt Gingrich, Republican of Georgia, the House speaker, presenting a potentially costly plan to slash the top capital gains tax rate on investors for the second time in two years: "It removes the high-tax shackles from the risktakers, the investors and the entrepreneurs who drive our economy's growth. And when nearly half of all Americans long-awaited proposal to define patients' rights and set uniform nationwide standards for health insurance, es-

Re-examining a Killing in El Salvador

Documents Suggest 1980 Murder of Nuns Was Ordered by Military Leader

By Larry Rohter New York Times Service

that a member of his high day. Mr. White was the U.S. plicit "orders from above." command had ordered the ambassador at the time of the killing of four American killings but was replaced by ported Wednesday that a judge to ignore the indications. churchwomen in 1980 and Mr. Pickering shortly after. later informed the U.S. ambassador of his belief, accord- however, that he was not reing to newly released State ferring to Mr. Pickering.

Department documents. "What has been released

For years both govern- moves toward confirming ments have asserted that no what most of us have always high-ranking military officials were involved in the slayings, which provoked an intense debate about U.S. policy in Cen-tral America. The documents and Dorothy Kazel, and a lay also raise questions as to worker, Jean Donovan, were Washington's motives for not abducted by a military unit on investigating the confidential information more aggressively, human rights advocates and former officials said.

who was then the American ambassador to El Salvador and is now undersecretary of ize the pitfalls of American state for political affairs. It is involvement in the region. not clear from the documents what action, if any, the State the El Salvadoran National Department took to investi-Guard and their immediate Department took to investigate the leads passed on by superior were convicted of Mr. Pickering or to pressure the murders and sentenced to the Salvadoran government 30 years in prison. In March, clear that officials at the U.S.

moves toward confirming believed, that this was ordered by higher ups," he added.

. Three Roman Catholic nuns, Maura Clarke, Ita Ford Dec. 2, 1980, and raped and shot to death. The killings occurred as the United States was beginning a decade-long and which interviewed the multibillion-dollar effort to guard members. The suspicions were confided to Thomas Pickering, prevent leftist guerrillas from gaining power, and the case immediately came to symbol-

In 1984, four members of

having received clear and ex-The Associated Press re-

granted conditional freedom Mr. White made it clear, to three of the five guard members under a two-month-old in prison overcrowding. A prosecutor said officials might seek to have the order overnmed, however.

Secretary of State elements that colleagues Madeleine Albright ordered should be protected" and the release of American doc-suggested that a subaltern uments in response to requests might have been directly inby members of Congress and representatives of the Lawyers Committee for Human Rights, which represents the families of the churchwomen

agan and Bush administra-Salvadoran government's contention that the slayings were the work of a small group

not be reached for comment. their 17-year silence and told based on conversations with "Ithink someone should be human rights investigators the highest levels of the El trary and that their superiors in Washington apparently chose

In February 1985, Mr. Pickering met with the defense minister at the time of law that mandates a reduction the killings, General Jose Guillermo Garcia. General Garcia acknowledged that "there existed an attitude among the National Guard tions for valor.

> volved in the murders. Lawyers for the families of the churchwomen said Wednesday that they particularly welcomed a chance to examine the "special embassy evidence" that American offi-

Throughout the 12-year cials, as well as a judicial civil war, in which 75,000 commission that is looking inpeople were killed, the Re- to the case, have always cited as proving the guardsmen actions always echoed the El ted on their own. That evidence turns out to be a clandestinely taped conversation ruling by the navy on the issue between the guardsmen's imthat was acting on its own. The mediate superior, a sergeant, the murders and sentenced to documents, however, make and a higher-ranking officer in which the issue of orders from above does not come up. The new material is un-

likely to lead to additional legal proceedings in El Salvador, however, because the 10-year statute of limitations on murder has expired.

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Washington Post Service WASHINGTON — The secretary of the navy, John H. Dalton, has revised the official record of the late Admiral Jeremy (Mike) Boorda, inserting a letter from a retired chief of naval operations stating that Admiral Boorda had been entitled to wear two shortly after learning that two Vietnam-era combat decora-

Two years ago, a challenge about his right to wear those disputed awards. decorations prompted Admir-

al Boorda to take his life.

The letter placed in the file was from Admiral Elmo Zumwalt Jr., who headed the navy during the Vietnam War, asserting it had been "appropriate, justified and proper" for Admiral Boorda to attach the small bronze combat "V" to his ribbons. A senior spokesman said Wednesday that the action did not constitute a formal of whether Admiral Boorda was entitled to the decorations. Such a ruling, he said, can come only from the Board of Correction of Naval Re-cords. It has not been asked to review the case.

Mr. Dalton's intervention appeared to be an attempt to burnish Admiral Boorda's image and to influence per-

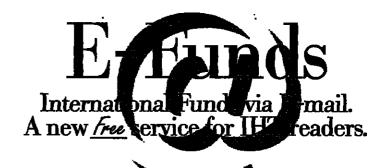
ceptions about whether the navy leader had done anything wrong.

Wearing an unauthorized decoration is a severe breach of military protocol. Admiral Boorda, who was 56, shot himself at his home in the Washington Navy Yard magazine reporters were on their way to question him about his right to wear the

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Lawmakers Agree on IRS Reform WASHINGTON — Congressional taxwriters have reached final agreement on the most complete overhaul of the Internal Revenue Service in nearly a half-centure.

A nine-member board, which will include both taxpayers and employees. six people from outside the government, will oversee the agency. Tax penalties that resulted from the agency's own failings will be salashed or suspended, the burden of proof in Roth Jr., Finance Committee chairman, said.

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than two years of work by Congress, touched off originally by the IRS's repeated failure to and provide taxpayers with extensive new modernize its computers. It achieved even rights in dealing with the agency, often porrights in dealing with the agency, often por-trayed as the most disliked bureaucracy of the Committee hearings last fall that produced startling testimony alleging agency abuse of

The reforms will help turn the IRS into an

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Relics or Skyscrapers? Xian's Dynastic Soil Becomes a Royal Battleground Miltin Kore

By Michael Laris ushington Post Service

XIAN, China - As President Bill Clinton began his visit on Thursday to this ancient capital to view the life-size terra cotta soldiers buried Carter and Nixon. American leaders, both serving and retired, have visited this dusty city as a symbol of their respect for China's history.

But beneath the surface in Xian, a battle over the preservation of China's historic artifacts is raging that would make the bellicose Emperor Qin Shihuang — the all-powerful leader who unified the country and then rewarded himself by having the 8,000-statue terra cotta army buried next to him — turn over in his tomb.

concrete buildings in their place — and are threatening others.

'A lot of damage has been done already; the atmosphere of the city has changed," said Roberto Ciarla, the Italian coordinator for the here more than 2,000 years ago, he was following Xian Center for the Conservation and Resto-in the footsteps of Presidents Bush, Reagan, ration of Cultural Relics. "Now Xian is just a large city, and you can see all around horrible architecture. And, of course, skyscrapers do not

fit well with pagodas."

The city has put on its best face for Mr. Clinton, who arrived Thursday with Hillary Rodham Clinton and their daughter, Chelsea, at the start of a nine-day visit to China.

Workers have painted new traffic lines on the streets and officials hung red lanterns at the south gate of the city wall. The gate was traditionally As landlocked Xian tries to catch up with reserved for use by the emperor and Chinese China's booming coastal cities, developers have officials routed Mr. Clinton's motorcade from

would enter the city through it.

Despite the face-lift, some of Xian's most important national treasures have been threatened in recent weeks.

In May, construction began on several factories atop an important set of buried vaults at the Yang Ling tomb, which houses brilliantly colored and intricately carved porcelain statues from the Western Han dynasty, which dates to the second century B.C.

Archaeologists fought back. They sought help from the governor of Shanxi Province who, after a visit to the tomb, declared the area a protected zone. The governor also came up with the equivalent of \$375,000 to aid conservation efforts and build a museum at the site.

'Some people don't respect cultural artifacts, they just want to finish their project," said Yuan Zhongyi, the archaeologist in charge of the proj-

razed important historic sites — erecting gray the airport halfway around the wall just so he ect to excavate the terra cotta soldiers. "That's something that really worries me.

The conflict between conservation and development has become intense in recent years, as traditional values were sacrificed repeatedly to the imperative of rapid economic growth.

Xian was the capital of China in the glory days of the Han and Tang dynasties, and so it has much to lose. But the destruction of historical sites occurring here is mirrored around the country.

Jia Pingwa, an author based in Xian, sets his stories here because the conflict between the old and new, the traditional and the modern, is so

'This city is a city of ancient culture,'' Mr. Jia said. The changes happening in Xian are, in reality, the changes happening in China's traditional culture. This draws me to keep using Xian as my background material."

Mr. Yuan is optimistic that Xian — and China you are walking on cultural relics.

of relics. He has been working at the terra cotta soldier site since excavations began in 1974.

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"We thought we would be done in 10 days," he recalled. But after a year of digging, the archaeologists realized what they had - a 16,000-square-yard vault full of 6,000 statues of horses and soldiers. Within a year, they had discovered two more vaults.

"At the time, we were startled," Mr. Yuan said. "We couldn't trust our own work. There had never been anything in the books about it."

So far, his team has excavated only a quarter of the site and Mr. Yuan said he could not even guess how many more cultural relics are buried in Xian's yellow earth. He is certain, however, that it will be many times the number - and historical importance — of what has already been found.
In Xian, he said, "It's like every step you take

And the Band Plays On

From Nixon to Clinton, the Army's Ensemble Has Been Serenading Visiting Presidents

By Erik Eckholm
New York Times Service

come and go. Communist Party leaders may rise and fall, but one thing has remained the same through decades of state visits to Beijing: the People's Liberation Army Military Band.

On Thursday afternoon, on the plaza of a Defense Ministry compound in westem Beijing, the elite 60-member brass band rehearsed its snappy renditions of "The Star-Spangled Banner" and the Chinese national anthem, "March of the Volunteers," which it will play Saturday at the official greeting for President Bill Clinton before the Great Hall of the People on Tiananmen Square.

The band greets every visiting head of state and performs at every state dinner as well as at various public affairs.

Since it was founded on the instruc-tion of Mao Zedong in 1952, the People's Liberation Army band has performed 48,000 times at important national and international events, according to Colonel Fan Siting, who will conduct the band for the Clinton fes-

In an interview Thursday, Colonel Fan's predecessor, now retired, remin- our two peoples. isced about the first state visit by an American president, that of Richard with great pride and clarity.

We chose the songs very carefully, said the retired band leader. Cheng Yiming. (In his day, the time of the radical Cultural Revolution, the military abol-

A Test of Willpower

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BELING — Foreign presidents may of the welcoming dinner they played "Home On the Range," he said — "This was recommended by the Foreign Ministry, who told us this was a popular song in Nix-on's home town and had been performed at his inauguration."

Among other American songs, in be-tween Chinese favorites, was "America the Beautiful," Mr. Cheng said. Later, after dinner and toasts, the host, Prime Minister Zhou Enlai asked the band to

play "Home on the Range" again.
Mr. Nixon, in a short speech, thanked
the band and said it was the best performance he had ever heard, Mr. Cheng recalled. Mr. Nixon handed out to every-one a glass-encased name card as a gift,

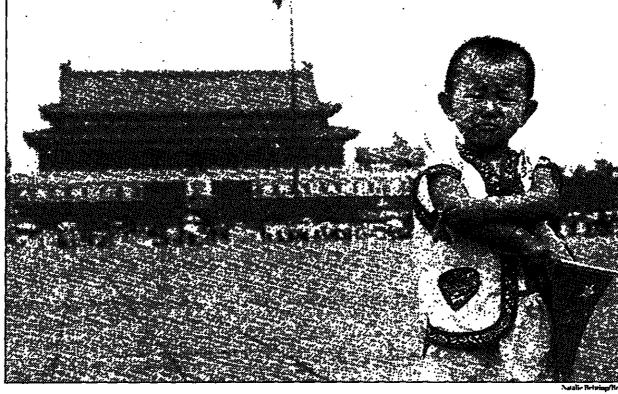
The Nixon visit cracked the solid ice that had characterized Chinese-American relations for more than two decades and it provided the first occasion for the band to play the American national an-

'It didn't feel strange to be playing that, 'Mr. Cheng said, perhaps mindful of today's official friendly face to America. "We should have done it long before. It's natural, the friendship between

At the most recent visit by an American president, that of George Bush in Nixon in 1972, which he remembers early 1989, the band added "The Yellow Rose of Texas" and "Shenandoah" to

the evening repertoire.

Asked what songs the band might play for the Clintons at dinner in the Great



Zhang Wei, 3, weeping in Tiananmen Square on Thursday because his parents made him pose for a photograph.

officers assembled for the interview fidgeted, seemingly worried about revealing secret information. Finally one said: 'We don't know yet. The songs are chosen by the protocol department of the Foreign Ministry and they haven't de-

The band is ready to play many different American songs, the officers said, but most are standbys. "There are not enough cultural exchanges, and we expect the Americans to teach us some of Hall of the People on Saturday, the 12 the newer popular songs," one said.

The dinner bill will definitely not include the wildly popular song from the movie "Titanic" since the band has not practiced it.

Though it is much less true today, a couple of decades ago the army band was one of the few paths available to a young aspiring musician, providing quite a respectable career. To join, those who pass a qualifying test must first spend three years training in an army arts institute. Once in the band, musicians spend three years training in an army arts institute. Once in the band, musicians usually spend their entire careers there. advance notices in the press and, with the help of no little free ticket distribution, played to a full house.

Now even this stodgy institution in the most stodgy of ministries is trying to branch out: A group of the players formed a jazz band that played earlier

this year at a jazz festival here. A leading saxophonist from the band, who wants to become better known and perhaps land side jobs playing at private parties, recently hired the Beijing Music Hall to put on a concert. He generated

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order for Mr. Clinton's visit, oblivious to tunity to develop their full potential is administration's message that the en- new China as well.' gagement policy is gradually improving China's human-rights record.

Yang Hai, a student leader in the 1989 democracy demonstrations, was detained Thursday afternoon shortly before he was to give an interview to an ABC News crew at his home in Xian.

according to his wife, Wang Jing.

Mr. Yang spent a year in jail for his activities in the Tiananmen protests. He also signed his name to a number of open letters that dissidents have written in recent weeks calling for democratic reforms and an improvement in China's human-rights conditions.

"He was taken away by police on his way home," Mrs. Wang said in an interview. "They are afraid he would call for democratization.

'Clinton told the world that China's human rights situation is improving. But this shows it hasn't been improving. They won't even let people speak." In his arrival statement, Mr. Clinton

first noted positive elements in relations. We Americans admire your accomplishments, your economy, your hard work and vision, your efforts against hunger and poverty, your work with us

South Asia," he said. Then he added: "Respect for the worth, the dignity, the potential and the freedom of every citizen is a vital source ing money here," he said, "there'll be of America's strength and success. In platoons of bureaucrats coming to pick this global information age, where both cision to extend most-favored-nation

are based on ideas, a commitment to providing all human beings the opportions could undermine the vital to the strength and success of the

> As for the critics, Mr. Clinton said, 'There may be those here and back in America who wonder whether closer ties and deeper friendship between China and America are good.

> "Clearly, the answer is yes," he said. "We have a powerful ability to help each other grow.

> Mr. Clinton pleased the crowd as he opened his speech with a few words of Chinese: "Ni, hao ma?" — "Hello, how are you?'

He closed by saying "thank you" in Chinese.

On Friday, Mr. Clinton, Hillary Rodham Clinton and their daughter, Chelsea, will tour a village outside Xian before flying to Beijing, where he will receive an official greeting.

■ Support From Gingrich

As Mr. Clinton arrived in China, the House speaker, Newt Gingrich, expressed strong support for extending normal trade relations with the Beijing government and predicted that Congress would approve that extension, The Associated Press reported from Washington.

"The practical, commonsense reality is the more the American people deal with the Chinese people the faster we are going to move China to freedom," Mr. Gingrich said.

Congress must vote this summer whether to disapprove Mr. Clinton's deeconomic growth and equal opportunity status to China for another year.

senior administration official said. The

company "exploited inconsistencies in

the way the regulations were applied.

Hughes stepped up its lobbying in

1993, when Mr. Clinton imposed trade

sanctions on China after concluding it

had sold M-11 missile parts to Pakistan.

That meant Hughes could not sell satel-

lites in China, and Mr. Armstrong

simmered as European companies snagged Chinese deals worth \$1 billion.

exempt U.S. satellite companies from

the sanctions. He bitterly denounced the

Clinton sanctions for hurring the U.S.

economy and doing little to induce

China to stop selling missiles. Hughes hired Hill & Knowlton, the public re-

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satellites regulated by the Commerce

Department could be launched in China.

In late 1993, weeks after sending his

cratic National Committee.

Mr. Armstrong led the lobbying to

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3 Dissidents Seek To Form a Party

BEUING — Three political dissidents filed an application Thursday to establish an opposition political party in China.

Wang Youcai said by phone that he and two other activists from eastern Zhejiang Province had lodged papers with the provincial civil affairs bureau to establish the Chinese

Democratic Party.

The fledgling party's main call is for democratic elections to end the monopoly on power enjoyed by the Communist Party.

"This is the first time in the 50

years since the founding of new China that political dissidents have openly applied to register an opposition party," said Lu Siqing, a dissident spokesman. "It is a significant event in the history of the democratic movement."

Beijing Defends Barring Newsmen

BELIING - China defended on Thursday its decision to bar three Radio Free Asia journalists from covering President Bill Clinton's

visit.
"We hope many foreign jour-nalists will come to China to facilitate their legitimate reporting." said the Foreign Ministry spokes-

man, Tang Guoqiang.

He drew a distinction between other foreign journalists and those working for Radio Free Asia, which is funded by the U.S. government and which has irritated Chinese officials with reports on human rights abuses and other issues.

"Our position on Radio Free Asia is clear and consistent," Mr. Tane said. He would not comment when asked to elaborate on that

Just days before Mr. Clinton's departure, China canceled visas for the three Radio Free Asia employees assigned to cover the visit.

Mr. Clinton called the decision "highly objectionable" and his administration protested it through diplomatic channels, to no avail. He gave the three reporters an interview in the Oval Office before departing Wednesday.

3 Killers Executed

BEUING — Three men convicted of killing an American engineer have been executed in southem China, according to a report

Thursday in Beijing.
The three — whose ages range from 25 to 32 — were executed after the Guangdong Province's highest court rejected appeals of their convictions in the killing on March 23 of Leonard Phillips, 42, of Athens, Tennessee, the Yangcheng Evening News reported,

Mr. Phillips, an engineer working at a Duracell battery manufacturing plant in southern China, was stabbed repeatedly in his hotel room in Dongguan, a freewheeling city 96 kilometers (60 miles) northwest of Hong Kong.

Approval for Trip

WASHINGTON --- Most Americans think President Clinton's trip to China is a good idea but they do not have high expectations that it will produce much, according to an opinion poll that was made public Thursday.

The poll, by CNN, USA Today and Gallup, found that 58 percent of those questioned approved of Mr. Clinton's decision to visit, against 32 percent who disapproved. The rest did not know,

The survey of 1,016 adults on June 22 and 23 found that more people approved than disapproved of Mr. Clinton's handling of relations with China — 40 percent against 37 percent, with 23 percent unwilling to give an opinion.

Expectations were low on two counts - whether the visit will significantly improve relations between China and the United States and whether it will significantly improve the way China treats its cit-

Forty-eight percent said "no" to the first question, against 42 percent who said "yes."

Seventy percent said "no" to the second question, while 20 percent thought the visit would help Chinese citizens. (Reuters)



A Beijing waitress showing a restaurant's George Bush blue plate special.

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against China so the company could controls on China in recent years.

American businessmen on this trip like 'Typhoid Mary,'' said one senior member of the American Chamber of Commerce in Beijing. China's state-run Xinhua press agency reported Thursday night that

'several important contracts or agreements" involving aviation, energy and environmental protection would be signed during the visit. But American officials said they expected the deals to be small ones.

The White House policy is shortsighted, some analysts say, because the service sector — specifically financial international marketplace is fast becoming the next battlefield between the United States and China.

While much attention has been placed lately on allegations that U.S. companies illegally provided technology to a Chinese company that helped to improve its long-range rocketry and, thus, China's ability to hit American cities with nuclear warheads, little time has been devoted to the fact that China's trade surplus with the United States will soon surpass Japan's.

American figures place the U.S. trade deficit with China at \$49.7 billion last year, Japan's surplus with the United States was \$56.1 billion.

in recent months, several U.S. enterprises - John Deere, Chrysler, Ameritech, Nabisco, Northern Telecom, and Eveready, among others - have either canceled or scaled back projects in

Foreign business figures thought that the creation of a new super-ministry of information would push liberalization, but it appears to be having the opposite

"The worrying thing for the Chinese is that the majority of American businesses are making negative assessments of the situation here," said Nicholas Driver, head of the Beijing-based consultancy Clear Thinking. "This is especially important now that Overseas Chinese are no longer unquestionably dolling out millions for the mother-

Indeed, up to 70 percent of China's foreign investment came from Chinese

communities in Southeast Asia. With the economic crisis that has Mr. Armstrong wanted Mr. Clinton to ment, Hughes led most of the industry's roiled the region, that investment is dry-

Chinese officials argue that for all the American complaints, there are more Western businesses in China than in most other Asian countries, and that lose their jobs" if the sales ban re-China is more open than Japan and South

Guo Shuqing, a senior economist in China's State Council, also argued that Thank you. American companies benefited from China's trade surplus with the United company employed 30,000 people in States because many of the exported vote-rich California, met with Mr. Clinitems are made by plants owned in part

The tribulations of the Chubb operations underscore a fundamental problem in U.S.-China commerce: China's satellite-builder and a favorite of U.S. the Commerce Department."

services — is all but shut to foreign investment. U.S. and Chinese officials have battled on this point for years and it has become a hot topic in China's efforts to join the World Trade Organization. So far, China has allowed seven insurance companies, including American

International Group Inc. and Aetna Inc., to sell insurance in China, but only in two cities. The licenses are handed out on a purely political basis and China has said

that the next American license won't be given until 2000. Jan Lancaster, the Chubb manager in Beijing, and others argue that allowing foreign service sector companies to op-

erate in China would help solve a severe problem of unemployment Currently, about 13 percent of China's labor force works in the service sector, compared

with 85 percent in the United States.

By John Mintz

Washington Post Service

WASHINGTON -- C. Michael Arm-

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To be sure, some American companies are doing extremely well in China. Coca-Cola is ubiquitous, McDonald's has transformed itself into a luxury meal, Procter & Gamble is believed to have taken up 50 percent of the urban sham-

But, significantly, American businesses don't report successes because Chinese still look at doing business as a ero-sum game.

If a Western company is doing well, it must mean that China is doing badly.
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Hughes from 1994 to 1997, when he left

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Wednesday by announcing that com-

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Clinton-Hughes-Armstrong policy," said

a congressional investigator. "Hughes is

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giant Tele-Communications Inc.

profit in China," said James McGregor, the head of Dow Jones and Co. in

For Hughes, Hard Lobbying for China Satellite Deals trade officials, has got almost all it has sought from the Clinton administration trols on Chinese satellite deals a key way in capturing the Chinese market," a on China deals, through aggressive lob-mission of his Hughes tenure, industry bying tactics and a revolving-door hiring officials said. A Republican, he supported President George Bush's re-elec-

gave \$25,000 to Republican groups, ised."

"You asked me to support your eco-nomic package; I did," wrote Mr. Arm-mittees investigating Mr. Clinton's the two parties. Hughes has split its donations between Hughes's lobbying on China began in 1992, around the time Mr. Bush moved authority for licensing some U.S.-China satellite deals from the relatively strict State Department to the Commerce Department, which promotes U.S. business abroad. The company won Commerce's permission to communicate more freely than in the past with Chinese space officials on technical data in many launches. Moreover, the company got

> that Pentagon officials monitor all technical discussions between U.S. and Chinese space engineers. Now the Justice Department is investigating Hughes's transmission of a technical report to China about a failed letter to Mr. Clinton and then meeting launching in 1995 that destroyed a With him, Mr. Armstrong won a partial Hughes satellite. Administration officials say all U.S. satellite launchings in

the department to loosen requirements

China now require monitors. 'Hughes was aggressive in pushing despite the sanctions.

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South Koreans Raise Captured Submarine

'A Few Dead Bodies' Expected to Be Found

By Don Kirk

SEOUL -- South Korean Navy divers expected to find "a few dead bodies" on a North Korean submarine after they raised it to the surface Thursday, the state-owned Korea Broadcasting System reported.

South Korean security officials met late into the night, discussing how to respond to the foray into South Korean waters and how to defend the country against what are believed to have been repeated North Korean submarine expeditions against the South.

Divers, using welding torches, broke through one hatch of the submarine and

Family Delays **Marcos Burial After Protests**

Neence France-Presse MANILA - The family of former President Ferdinand Marcos on Thursday called off the burial of his remains in the national Heroes' Cemetery to allow for public anger to subside.

In the spirit of national interest, our tamily is prepared to wait. Imelda Marcos, the former first lady, said in a statement announcing that the burial had been

deferred to a more appropriate time."
Plans to bury Mr. Marcos in the Heroes' Cemetery on July 11, initiated with the approval of President-elect Joseph Estrada, sparked widespread outrage, in view of the corruption and human rights abuses that marked the former president's 20 years in power.

It had threatened to divide the country before Mr. Estrada formally becomes president on Tuesday.

Two personalities who led the 1986 popular revolt that toppled Mr. Marcos, former President Corazon Aquino, who replaced him, and the incumbent President Fidel Ramos, stood in the way of the burial.

Mrs. Aquino led street protests, while Mr. Ramos, who has a week left in office, halted the construction of the Marcos tomb.

Even Communist guerrillas pitched in, threatening to abduct Mrs. Marcos and hold a mock trial in the belief that the burial issue is a signal that the Marcos legacy was being rehabilitated by

An anti-Marcos group backed by Mrs. Aquino, named the KKK, welcomed the family's decision, but said the victory was not yet complete.

In a statement, the group said it was seeking Mr. Estrada's "declaration as the elected leader of this nation that this brazen attempt to honor a dictator as a hero will not be repeated.

Mr. Estrada, who had ridiculed the protesters as "hypocrites," said Thursday that "Mrs. Marcos's retreat will be a blessing for us all."

He told reporters it was now best for everyone to let the courts decide the issue. But he denied reports that he had sent a religious leader to talk to Mrs. Marcos about calling off the burial.

However, a Marcos daughter. Imee wiarcos, spoke of an agreement "between my mother as well as the in-coming administration to the effect that "it is perhaps best to put the issue to rest temporarily."

She stressed in an interview over

GMA television here that "it will not be on hold for a long time, but merely to

caim some very agitated parties."
Asked if he was relieved, Mr. Estrada said: "It doesn't matter. I'm not bothered even one bit." He said he believed his decision was lawful. "Nobody can threaten me, and nobody can stop me."

Mr. Ramos welcomed the Marcos family's decision, and chided Mr. Estrada for needlessly sparking national discord. "I've been preaching moderation, a coming together of parties in opposition to each other on this issue which need not have been a national issue if only the decision, the announcements, and two of his sons, returned from the were timed properly," he told reporters. North on Tuesday.

discovered an empty plastic cider bottle from South Korea along with flippers and other infiltration equipment.

This led military observers to conclude that the submarine had picked up North Korean commandos from an incursion into the South.

"The submarine was not just patrolling," said the Korea Broadcasting System, quoting South Korean defense officials. "They were conducting an infiltration."

South Korea's four major television networks all broadcast footage of the raising of the submarine, which sank as it was being towed into the small port of Donghae after it was snared in the net of a South Korean fishing boat on Mon-

At the time, the submarine was 11.5 miles (18 kilometers) east of the South Korean port of Sokcho, about 20 miles

south of the North Korean border, according to the Defense Ministry.

Military officials denied North
Korean claims that the submarine had broken down and was adrift.

They said the submarine at the time was heading north, against a southward current. Officials also said that the submarine's engine was running when its propeller became entangled in the net.

Military officials denied South Korean news reports on Thursday that the bodies of eight North Koreans had been discovered on the submarine, an 85-foot, 70-ton Yugo-class vessel. The Korean Broadcasting System and the state-owned Yonhap News Agency both carried the report.

As divers attempted to open a second hatch of the submarine, however, officials said they were certain that several bodies were trapped inside. They did not say, however, if the divers had seen the bodies, noting that the danger of explosives and poison gas was slowing the

The entire episode has turned into an embarrassment to the government beginning with the revelation that the South Korean Navy is not capable of guaranteeing security against North Korean submarine incursions. The media here have repeatedly shown footage of the submarine along with a much larger Shark-class submarine that ran aground in the same region in Septem-

All but two of the 26 North Koreans aboard were later killed. One was captured and the other escaped.

The embarrassment was compounded when the latest submarine foundered in shallow waters as it was being towed to the port of Sokcho on Monday and then sank while it was being towed Tuesday. Opposition politicians have called for disciplinary action against senior military officers.

The timing of the incident in itself was an embarrassment. On Thursday, South Koreans marked the 48th anniversary of the date on which North Korean troops attacked the South, beginning the three-year-long Korean

Along with reports of the submarine, the media were full of photographs and articles marking the anniversary.

At a reception for war veterans, President Kim Dae Jung sought a moderate

Acknowledging that the episode showed that "tensions are continuing," he said that his government would hew to "a flexible North Korea policy" under which he has been calling for reconciliation with the North since his inauguration in February.

Whatever the outcome of the search of the submarine, aides of Mr. Kim said he would not abandon his "sunshine policy" toward the North.

Officials at Hyundai Merchant Marine Co. said that the submarine incident would not delay plans to begin a shuttle service between Sokcho and the North Korean port of Wonsan in late September, ferrying 1,000 tourists a day to look at the scenic region of Mount

Keumkang.

A Hyundai delegation is due to go to North Korea in several days to work out details of the tourist trips, arranged by the Hyundai group's founder, Chung Ju Yung, during a visit to North Korea. Mr. Chung, along with three of his brothers



TAIWAN PROTEST - Some 150 members of Taiwan's Democratic Progressive Party staging a sit-in Thursday outside the American Institute in Taipei to protest President Bill Clinton's visit to China.

China-U.S. Legal Ties to Be Widened

. By Elisabeth Rosenthal

XIAN, China - President Bill Clinton expects to announce a plan on Saturday for extensive legal cooperation and exchanges between the United States and China, according to a White House official.

The plan, the centerpiece of what is described as a "rule of law" initiative. is intended to offer Chinese scholars and officials American expertise as Beijing pursues ongoing legal reforms.

The official, Paul Gewirtz, who is on

leave from the faculty of Yale Law School, said Mr. Clinton would announce that the Chinese had agreed on a 'variety of cooperative activities' in a wide range of legal areas including the training of judges, legal aid for the poor. reforming legal procedures and "legal protection of human rights."

For the moment, the cooperation described in the plan is largely limited to jointly sponsored symposiums, exchanges of lawyers and judges and other activities that are at least partly symbolic and unlikely to yield concrete results for some time. American and Chinese lawyers have been slowly building such contacts for almost two

Mr. Gewirtz said the administration believed that engaging the Chinese in

such discussions as they were building a have so far been almost exclusively new legal system would provide an op-portunity to promote democratic val-

'This is an important new channel with the Chinese," he said, adding, "It's a significant step forward on the Chinese side to be open to interactions on these issues."

But some legal experts said that making the plan public as Mr. Clinton was departing for China appeared timed to give the appearance of progress on hu-

And not all share the administration's optimism over what this initiative might achieve.

"The laundry list might be viewed as areas in which we aspire for cooperation, and the president's visit could create the right political space for these kinds of initiatives," said Sharon Hom, a law professor at the City University of New York who has been involved in legal work in China for more than 10

But you have to view this in the context of the long history of such exchanges and what we've learned," she

"And there needs to be a serious financial commitment in these areas. Otherwise, they are just being used as political rhetoric.' Legal exchanges and conferences

financed by universities, and White House officials said that would probably continue to be the case.

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The White House initiative is a collection of projects covering areas where there has already been significant agreement between the two sides and areas where the governments are miles

Regarding legal aid for the poor, for example, the Chinese have already begun developing their own system, both publicly and privately financed legal

And Chinese and foreign organizations are already involved in improving the training of judges. In the area described in the plan as

'legal protection for human rights,' there is little common ground. While the Chinese have expressed a willingness to discuss rights like the

presumption of innocence at criminal

trials, freedom of speech is not on the agenda, Mr. Gewirtz said. Although the Chinese constitution guarantees a wide range of rights on paper, they are narrowly defined or not respected in practice.

"What we are proposing is a dia-logue," he said. "It's not prison releases.

"But I think it's an important new

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China Warns Japan After Ship Incident

BEIJING — China expressed concern and regret on Thursday over Japan's blocking of an attempt by a nationalist group to bolster Chinese territorial claims by sailing to a disputed island group in the East China Sea.

The Foreign Ministry spokes-man, Tang Guoqiang, said Tokyo would be reponsible for the consequences of collisions between a protest ship and Japanese vessels near the islands, which are known as the Diaoyus in Chinese and as the Senkakus in Japanese.

A rusting fishing boat dubbed Protect the Diaoyus was damaged in collisions with Japanese coastguard vessels on Wednesday, prompting vessels carrying 40 activists from Taiwan. Hong Kong and China to abandon attempts to reach the islands. (Renters)

Japan Kicks Off Crucial Campaign

TOKYO — Candidates kicked off their campaigns Thursday for a parliamentary election widely seen as a referendum on Prime Minister Ryutaro Hashimoto's management

of Japan's tottering economy.

The July 12 vote, which affects half the 252 seats in the Diet's upper house, comes amid Japan's deepening economic crisis.

The goal of Mr. Hashimoto's Liberal Democratic Party is to regain a majority in the body — an advantage it already enjoys in the lower house.

Rockets Hit Kabul

KABUL - Three rockets slammed into the airport in Afghanistan's war-shattered capital on Thursday while passengers were preparing to board a United Nations plane parked on the tarmac, witnesses said. There were no reports of injuries

in the first attack on the airport in two weeks.

For the Record

Sri Lanka said Thursday that more than 260 combatants had died in fresh fighting between government troops and the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam in the northern

Habibie Promises a New Focus on Human Rights

JAKARTA — President B. J. Habibie on Thursday pledged to commit Indonesia to a thorough revamping of its handling of human rights.

In a major departure in style from the former president, Suharto, the country's new leader unveiled a five-year action plan on human rights at a ceremony gathering senior government officials. military leaders and diplomats.

The key to success in the promotion and protection of human rights lies in the cultivation and strengthening of human rights culture by way of promoting conscientious regard for and knowledge of human rights, Mr. Habibie said in a speech. The plan comes roughly a month after Mr. Habibie replaced his mentor. Mr. Suharto, whose 32-year regime was characterized by abuses of human rights by the security forces.

Mr. Suharto stepped down amid the country's worst political and economic crisis in decades.

Mr. Habibie said the plan, which is to run from this year through 2003, had four parts — the ratification of human rights agreements, the dissemination of information and education on human rights, the creation of measures to address human rights issues and the carrying out of ratified international human rights agreements. "Today's ceremony attests to the

firm commitment of the Indonesian government to the promotion and pro-

tection of human rights and fundamental freedoms of all Indonesian people, without regard to race, ethnicity, sex, language, religion or political persuasion," Foreign Minister Ali Alatas said.

But the 21-page plan, issued a day after Mr. Habibie held talks about the status of East Timor with Bishop Carlos Ximenes Belo, who was awarded the 1996 Nobel Peace Price, did not mention the disputed former Portuguese colony. Indonesia invaded East Timor in

December 1975 and annexed it the following year in an act not recognized by the United Nations, which still regards Portugal as the administering power.

■ Protest in East Timor

Hundreds of East Timorese staged a peaceful protest in the territory's capital,

Dili, on Thursday to commemorate the death of a youth killed last week by an Indonesian soldier, Reuters reported. Chanting Catholic prayers in Por-

tuguese and the local Tetum language and carrying paper flowers, the pro-testers, mostly students, marched from East Timor University to the house of Herman das Doros Soares, who was shot to death last week. No clashes were reported. Plans to

stage a bigger demonstration to demand a referendum on independence from Indonesia were canceled after news that rival groups planned a pro-Indonesia rally in the former Portuguese colony. ■ Officer Is Replaced

The military commander in Jakarta, a

Suharto whose forces killed four students at a protest last month, was replaced on Thursday, The Associated Press reported from Jakarta.

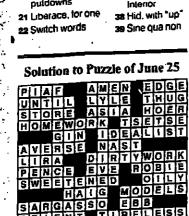
The chief of the Indonesian armed forces, General Wiranto, said the decision to remove the officer, Major General Sjafrie Sjamsoeddin, from his prominent post in the Indonesian capital was part of a routine shuffle.

Major General Djaja Suparman, the former commander in East Java, succeeds General Sjatrie as the Jakarta commander.

General Sjafrie was in command when police gunned down tour students at a pro-reform rally at Jakarta's Trisakti University on May 12.

In Indonesia, police are part of the onetime loyalist of former President armed forces.





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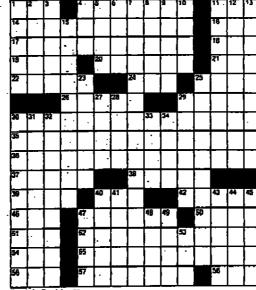
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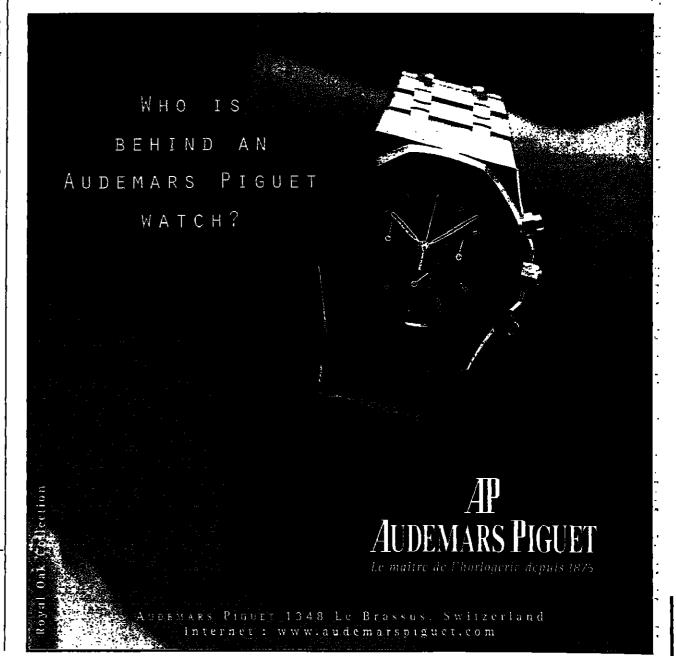
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Hezbollah Returns Israeli Soldier's Body

Militants Receive 40 Corpses in Exchange

TEL AVIV — The remains of at least one Israeli soldier killed in Lebanon were returned to Israel on Thursday in exchange for the corpses of 40 Lebanese guerrillas and the release of 60 pris-

The deal went ahead despite the killing overnight of two Israeli soldiers by a roadside bomb in Israel's southern Lebanon occupation zone. The pro-Irattian Hezbollah, the militant Party of God said it was responsible.

A French military transport plane brought the remains, handed over by the Shiite Muslim groups Hezbollah and Amal, from Beirut to an Israeli air base near Tel Aviv for an exchange that took 10 months to negotiate.

The sound of nails being hammered into wood broke the silence as the re-mains were moved to a simple coffin inside the plane. The coffin, covered by the Israeli flag, was taken off the aircraft for a brief military ceremony and the recital of prayers.

Coffins containing the bodies of the 40 guerrillas, including that of the son of the Hezbollah leader Sheikh Hassan Nasrallah, were then loaded along mobile conveyor belts on to the same aircraft, to be flown back to Beirut.

The Israeli Army said its chief rabbi, Major-General Gad Navon, had identified the remains returned to Israel on Thursday as those of Itamar Ilya, a naval commando killed with 11 other Israeli soldiers in September in a failed raid in

In Beirut, Hezbollah said it had also returned the body parts of at least two more Israeli soldiers. The remains comprised five feet, three fingers, skin from a head, a jaw and some bones, said Sheikh Atta, a Hezbollah official.

Asked whether the remains of other soldiers had been returned, an Israeli Army spokesman said, "We are not responding to that question."

The Israeli Defense Ministry said 60 Lebanese prisoners would be released Friday by Israel and its South Lebanon Army militia allies as a "humanitarian

It said the deal, the first of its kind since July 1996, had been negotiated with the Lebanese government through the International Committee of the Red Cross and France.

"For us, every combatant, every soldier in the army, every missing soldier, every prisoner of war." Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said in Tel Aviv, "it's our obligation to find him and return him to his country and to his family."

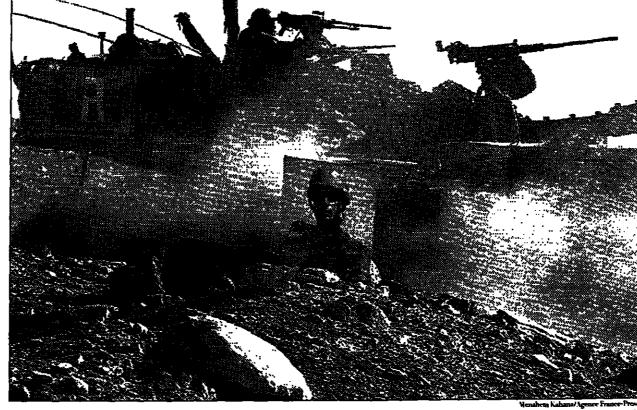
were returned, Mr. Ilya, 21, was blown up by explosives he was carrying when his squad ran into an ambush north of the occupation zone.

In Lebanon, Hezbollah decked the route from the Beirut airport into the city with flags, banners and posters of Kalashnikov rifles in preparation for the return of the fallen guerrillas.

"The Resistance which gave Hezbollah and Lebanon all the possibilities to make different swapping operations in the last years, this Resistance is our real bet to bring back the rest of the prisoners and detainees by the will of God," said Sheikh Nasrallah, the Hezbollah lead-

Thirty-eight Lebanese corpses, bur-ied in plastic body bags, were exhumed overnight from two cemeteries in north-ern Israel. Two other bodies were moved from an Israeli forensic institute, including that of Hadi Nasrallah, Sheikh Nasrallah's son.

Hezbollah is waging a war of attrition against Israeli forces and the South Lebanon Army in the 15-kilometer (9-mile) zone in southern Lebanon that Israel has



TARGET - An Israeli tank kicking up dust Thursday in Judean maneuvers as it passed a cardboard "enemy."

occupied since 1985, with the declared aim of preventing cross-border guerrilla

The botched commando raid in which

highest single death toll in Lebanon in 12 years. It deepened public disquiet in Israel over keeping troops in southern Lebanon, where 39 Israeli soldiers were

Head of Hamas Hailed as a Hero on Return to Gaza

For this year, the Israeli death toll in the region rose to eight on Thursday with the roadside bombing. The Israeli Army said two soldiers, aged 19 and 21, were killed and four wounded.

Mr. Ilva was killed brought Israel's killed in 1997.

By Serge Schmemann New York Times Service

RAFAH, Gaza Strip - Sheikh Ahmed Yassin, the founder and spiritual leader of the militant Islamic movement Hamas, has returned to Gaza after a medical trip that turned into a triumphant and, reportedly, lucrative four-month tour of Arab capitals.

The 62-year-old Islamic cleric, a quadriplegic with failing eyesight and hearing, was released from an Israeli jail last October in exchange for Israeli agents captured after a bungled attempt on the life of a Hamas official in Jordan.

At his home in Gaza City, the sheikh's motorcade was greeted with festive gunfire from Hamas bodyguards and a placard reading: "The Islamic nation is proud of Sheikh Ahmed Yassin, who returned to the nation its dignity and glory, and from his wheelchair moved the whole nation."

In a brief statement to about 100 followers, the sheikh said that he was returning to "my Palestinian home-

"We are determined to continue the

struggle," he said. "We will never accept the occupation of our homeland and we will use all our means until we remove the occupation and our people

go back home.' His return on Wednesday night had been a matter of some suspense. Israel debated whether to allow him back after the tour, during which he issued militant statements and reportedly netted tens of millions of dollars for his movement.

Hamas adamantly opposes the Palestinian peace agreements with Israel, and its secretive military wing is re-sponsible for most of the suicide bombings in Israel in recent years.

In the end, the Israeli government concluded that Sheikh Yassin was more dangerous abroad than in Gaza, where he must deal with a wary Palestinian Authority and a Hamas leadership considered more moderate than its counterpart in exile.

Several hundred Harnas leaders and followers waited at the Rafah crossing point from Egypt all afternoon. But by the time the sheik crossed at 11 P.M., after traveling overland from Cairo, most had left.

Imad Falouji, the only member of the

Palestinian Authority who came to greet Sheikh Yassin, said that Hamas, the Palestinian Authority, Israel and Egypt had all agreed to have the sheikh cross late in the day to prevent a potentially

rowdy reception. The Palestinian Authority of Yasser Arafat, in particular, tried hard to play down the sheikh's grand tour, which conferred on Hamas the status of a movement rivaling that of Mr. Arafat.

By extension, the tour demonstrated the frustration of the Arab world with Mr. Arafat and his perceived failure to deliver on the promise of peace with

The length and effect of Sheikh Yassin's tour came as a surprise not only to Israel and the Palestinian Authority but also, apparently, to the Hamas leaders as well.

It began Feb. 19, when the sheikh traveled to Cairo for medical treatment. Soon after that, he was invited to Saudi Arabia for a pilgrimage to Mecca and was feted by King Fahd.
That prompted a wave of new in-

vitations and visits - to Qatar, the United Arab Emirates, Kuwait, Yemen, Syria, Iran and the Sudan.

The visits were prominently reported in the Arab press, and the sheikh was repeatedly interviewed on Arabic cable television stations — though Palestin-ian newspapers, evidently on direct or-ders from Mr. Arafat, gave the tour only perfunctory coverage.

In some of his interviews, the sheikh issued stinging calls for struggle against Israel. "The so-called peace path is not peace, and it is not a substitute for jihad and resistance," he declared in Kuwait, using the Arabic word for holy war.

The first quarter of the next century will witness the elimination of the Zionist entity and the establishment of the Palestinian state over the whole of Palestine," he said in Damascus.

Reports also surfaced that Sheikh Yassin had received financial pledges for tens of millions of dollars from the Arab leaders.

'The trip is a ground-breaking one in terms of exposing the Hamas founder and his mystique to the Arab world," said Ziad Abu Amr, an academic specialist on Islamic affairs and a Palestinian legislator. "Equally important is the exposure of Sheikh Yassin to this environment.'

BRIEFLY

Well-Known Singer Is Killed in Algeria

ALGIERS — Islamic rebels killed one of Algeria's best-known singers, Lounes Matoub, on Thursday, the Algerian security forces said.
The official Algerian news agency

APS quoted the security forces as saying that Mr. Matoub, a staunch anti-Islamist, outspoken democrat and champion of the Berber cause, had been killed in Tizi Ouzou Province. Mr. Matoub was kidnapped in 1994 but released after more than two weeks during which he was put 'on trial' by an Islamist court.

Earlier Thursday, officials said that the security forces had killed 18 Muslim militants Wednesday near the village of Sidi Lantri, 250 kilometers southwest of Algiers.

The independent daily Liberte reported Thursday that four villagers were killed overnight Tuesday near Medea, about 100 kilometers south of Algiers. The newspaper also said that a member of a selfdefense force had been killed Wednesday near the town of Tlemcen on the Moroccan border. (Reuters)

UNITA Gains Delay **Over UN Sanctions**

UNITED NATIONS, New York — The Security Council agreed to give Angola's UNITA movement five more days to comply with a 1994 peace plan after receiving assurances from the former rebels that they would meet the new deadline.

The council had approved a resolution to freeze UNITA's foreign bank accounts and ban its diamond exports, effective Thursday, unless it ceded central-highland strongholds and took major steps to demilitarize its forces.

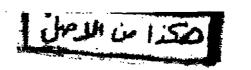
Mexican Vote Backs Drug-Policy Review

MEXICO CITY - The lower house of Congress has called for a review of anti-drug cooperation ac-cords with the United States to ensure respect for Mexican sover-

The resolution, adopted Wednesday by a standing committee, was in reaction to a U.S. House vote on Monday endorsing a money-laundering sting that Mexico saw as a violation of its sovereignty. (AP)

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In Diana's Crash, Scant Evidence Against Paparazzi Identification of the second o By Craig R. Whitney crash that killed Diana, Princess of Wales, and her escort here on Aug. 31 have guthered little evidence to bolster initial police theories that celebrity photographers chasing the car directly caused the driver to lose control, ac-

cording to a new book that quotes extensively from police reports. The chauffeur, who was killed instantly, was far over the legal driving limit for alcohol, the French authorities said a day after the accident. That fact remains the biggest single cause of the tragedy, and eyewitness testimony quoted in the book says Diana's Mercedes was some distance ahead of photographers who were pursuing it when it skidded and struck a

tunnel support pillar at high speed. nevertheless paints a devastating picture of the behavior of some of the photographers seriously wounded bodyguard, the sole sur-

Only one of the 10 photographic agency PARIS — French investigators probing the employees who were among the first to arrive at the scene tried to call an ambulance, according to reports of their testimony to the police. Two others spent the first minutes after the crash snapping pictures of the wreck with Dodi, son of Mohamed al Fayed, the owner of the Ritz Hotel, and the driver, Henri Paul, the hotel's acting security director, lying dead in the wreckage and the princess and a bodyguard gravely injured.

"It's true, we didn't help the injured," testified one of the two photographers, Christian Martinez, according to the book, "I was paralyzed by the connection between me and the people in the car."

The other photographer, Romuald Rat, rennel support pillar at high speed.

But testimony quoted in the new account and tried to take Diana's pulse as she lay moaning in the wreckage and to comfort a who had been chasing Diana and her escort, vivor of the crash. Film in Mr. Rai's camera,

Dodi al Fayed, for 12 hours before their pursuit turned lethal. however, later showed he had also taken photographs before rescuers arrived.

According to the book, one of the first policemen on the scene. Sebastien Dorzee, photographers, who were virulent. In the heat of the action, I was knocked around several times. At no time did a photographer come to give me a hand. They kept taking pictures the

The princess, Mr. Dorzee said, had her eyes open and spoke words he could not understand. "I think she said 'My God,' seeing her

friend was dead," he said.

Neither Mr. Martinez, the police, nor the investigating judges who are expected to bring charges in the case this summer commented Thursday on the extensive excerpts from testimony in the book, "Investigation on the Death of Diana," written by Jean-Marie Pontaut and Jerome Dupuis, two investigative reporters for the weekly newsmagazine L'Express.

The judges could charge some or all of the

chase with manslaughter or failure to aid the victims in the accident, both crimes punishable by five years in prison and a 500,000 franc (\$83,000) fine. A 10th man who is under testified: "I was trying to push back the investigation, a motorcycle driver for Mr. Rat, told the police he was disgusted by the photographers' behavior at the crash scene.

The judges could also theoretically charge the Ritz Hotel management with criminal negligence for allowing Mr. Paul to take the wheel while drunk and lacking the chauffeur's license required by French law.

Police reports quoted in the book contradict earlier assurances by the Ritz that no one at the hotel knew Mr. Paul was drunk when Dodi asked him to take the wheel.

Two Ritz barkeepers testified, the book says, that Mr. Paul had two drinks at the counter after being summoned back to work unexpectedly. It adds that Mr. Paul had consumed many more drinks, probably at home.

The police found nothing, officials said, that would confirm theories voiced by Mohamed al nine photographers under investigation in the Fayed that Diana and Dodi were assassinated.

Fears of a Spillover From Kosovo's War

that unless decisive military action is taken immediately, the Kosovo conflict could spread into a Balkan-wide problem. In Salzburg, where in a. Let us try to learn from But any spillover could decarty out air strikes. action is taken immediately. he was attending a regional economic conference. Mr. Nano spoke with Peter S. Green for the International Herald Tribune.

world?

act now and in concert with could bring for Western the international community, especially NATO as its defense arm, is that we lose conlose the partners who are will- around and firing, artillery donian government, the Albanian government and [the Albanian leader Ibrahim] Rugova in Pristina.

Rugova risks losing controi over the Albanians there if it is not made a priority to stop the Serbian war machine killing civilians in the ethnic create a good partnership in

Nano of Albania is concerned that unless desiring military

the mistakes of the past.

world to take military action? A. We must have NATO air strikes to stop the Serbs. It Q. What is the risk in has to be done now, because if Kosovo for the outside not, in two weeks I am afraid

> Europe. If you come to our northern ans become terrorists? border, you have a real theater

Q. How far could trouble nario we can envisage is a spread if it breaks loose in Northern Ireland one. And if Kosovo?

simply forgotten.

Albanian villages of Kosovo. the south of the Continent and NATO do?

stroy this European-oriented Q. Is it time for the outside partnership and create problems for the European Union countries themselves.

We are not only talking about waves of refugees coming to Greece, to Italy, and elsewhere. Destabilizing the we will have a new Bosnia Balkans means Lebanoniza-A. What we risk if we don't with all the consequences that tion, and that means destabil-

izing all of Europe.
Q. Will the ethnic Albani-

A. Kosovo is too close to trol of everything and that we of war, with tanks moving Europe. It is not only close to Albania, it is close to Greece, ing to work for a peaceful shelling and soldiers shoot- Italy, Germany and Switzersolution in the region: the ing, and if this violence land, where there are still Greek government, the Mace- comes to the big towns like many Kosovo refugees. Pristina, then Rugova will be Spontaneous reactions could multiply. At this point, the best sce-

that spreads to the south of A. Albania, Macedonia Europe, I don't think we and Greece have managed to could afford that.
create a good partnership in Q. What exactly should

A. All sorts of artillery installations, rockets and tank units that are firing on civil-

Q. How far will President Slobodan Milosevic go in fighting to keep Kosovo part of what remains of

Yugoslavia? A. Milosevic will never stop, because he is fighting for personal power in Serbia.

The only way to stop him is cutting the functioning of his war machine. He is spending \$1.7 million a day on his war machine in Kosovo.

Q. What will Albania do? How far can Albania go to support military action against Serbia?

A. Albania does not feel alone. It is part of the Partnership for Peace structures in NATO, and it will do what it can within that. But if the United Nations Security Council cannot understand that it is in its interest to take military action against the Serbs, then NATO must do it



Holbrooke Again Holds

met President Slobodan Milosevic on Thursday for the second time in two days to look for a way out of the Kosovo conflict. A news blackout was thrown over the talks, after which Mr. Holbrooke was to fly back to Yugoslavia's embattled

Milosevic and insisted that NATO could not intervene without

Germany reiterated that the North Atlantic Treaty Orilzation was poised for strikes aga izi 1 figozia bloody crackdown on the Kosovo Albanians but the West agreed with Russia that the Kosovars must settle for autonomy rather than outright statehood.

The big powers fear that granting Kosovo independence would set off a chain reaction of demands for the same prize from disgruntled minorities nearby in the Balkans, especially

Mr. Holbrooke, fresh from being named U.S. ambassador to the United Nations, has begun another round of the shuttle diplomacy for which he gained fame in 1995 as architect of Bosnia's peace treaty.

On Wednesday, he toured the southwest region of Serbia's province of Kosovo to see close up the extent of the fighting and damage, which has put tens of thousands of ethnic Albanians to flight. More than 300 people have been killed since February, when Serbian security forces started cracking

On Thursday, witnesses reported that the guerrillas had

Proof Found of Germ Warfare in WWI

By William J. Broad New York Times Service

NEW YORK — It appeared to be a harmless lump of sugar, albeit a lump of sugar dating from World War I. But when scientists examined it, they found living anthrax spores, apparently placed there 80 years ago by a Germany intent on disrupting the Allies' horse- and reindeer-drawn supply lines across

warfare.

The anthrax microbe is one of the most common agents of germ warfare and terrorism. It causes an infectious disease in wild and domesticated animals, including cattle and sheep, and

many engaged in widespread germ war- broken open and its contents cultured. fare in World War I, especially against the scientists report in Nature. With Allied horses, which were critical to some delicate prompting, germs grew many aspects of the war effort. But the and multiplied. They were identified as evidence was usually sketchy, and Ger many vehemently denied the reports.

The new detective work, by four scientists from the British germ-defense unit and the Norwegian military, began when the curator of a police museum in Trondheim, Norway, found in an archive a bottle with two sugar lumps.

of sugar containing anthrax bacilli, found in the luggage of Baron Otto Karl von Rosen, when he was apprehended in Karasjok in January 1917, suspected of spionage and sabotage.'

found that each was pierced by a small hole. One hole contained a tiny sealed glass tube. Alarmed, he sent the exhibition to Norwegian defense authorities, whose scientists began the analysis.

First, in a cabinet that had been care-Historians have often said that Ger- fully sterilized, the glass tube was

Bacillus antibracis. "It proved possible," the article said.

from the brink of extinction after they

Swedish-German-Finnish aristocrat, and his colleagues intended to do with the anthrax. Later, after the baron had been expelled to Sweden as a result of diplomatic pressure, a belated inspection of his baggage produced bottles of the deadly poison curare, microbial cul-tures and 19 sugar lumps.

only surviving weapon in that small arsenal of germ warfare. The scientists say the baron's mysterious companions admitted that they had been organized to sabotage war equipment.

Talks With Milosevic BELGRADE - Richard Holbrooke, the special U.S. envoy,

Meanwhile, Russia said it was up to Kosovo's ethnic Ibanians to respond to an offer of autonomy from Mr. United Nations approval.

ethnic Albanians in Macedonia.

down on armed insurgents of the Kosovo Liberation Army.

captured an important coal mine west of Kosovo's capital Pristina and were conducting daylight patrols within sight of

Basque Councilor Killed by Car Bomb

RENTERIA, Spain — A politician of the governing Popular Party was killed Thursday in an attack authorities blamed on the Basque separatist group ETA. The killing came just six months after his predecessor was shot dead by an ETA The politician, Manuel Zamarreno, a councilor in this

northern Basque town, died from wounds caused by a bomb apparently planted in a motorcycle parked on a street corner, Interior Minister Jaime Mayor Óreja said at a news conference in Madrid. The bomb exploded when the councilor and his bodyguard

walked by shortly after 11 A.M. The bodyguard was also wounded, but his life was not in danger. "Everything points to this being an ETA attack," Mr.

Mayor Oreja said. Mr. Zamarreno, 43, father of two, replaced Jose Luis Caso in the Renteria council last month. Mr. Caso was shot and killed in a bar by an ETA gunman on Dec. 11. Both men's lives

had been threatened. A third Popular Party councilor from the same town, Concepcion Gironza, resigned in April when the pressure of being a potential ETA target became too much.

"He knew the risk that he ran, he was fully conscious of the difficulties," Mr. Mayor Oreja said after condemning the attack against Mr. Zamarreno and praising the councilor's bravery.

If proved to be the work of ETA, Mr. Zamarreno will be the sixth town councilor linked to the Popular Party killed by the

separatists over the last 12 months, and the fourth so far this ETA, standing for Basque Homeland and Freedom, has killed 800 people since beginning its campaign in 1968 for a Basque state straddling the Spanish and French border.

The group has taken responsibility for five killings so far in 1998 — three town councilors, the wife of one of them, and a retired Civil Guard officer.

Governing-party councilors have become ETA's preferred victims, apparently in retaliation for the hard anti-ETA stand of the conservative government of Prime Minister Jose Maria Over the last year, the government has boasted several

major blows against the separatists. Earlier this month, the police shot dead a suspected ETA member during a police raid

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Collapse of a Balcony Kills 23 At Stadium in Russian Town

MOSCOW — A total of 23 people died and 39 were injured after the balcony of a stadium collapsed during a wrestling match in the southern Russian town of Nalchik, the Emergencies Ministry said Thursday.

The victims were fans who had come to watch the Russian national free-style wrestling championships in the northern Caucasus town. The spokesman said that it had taken several hours to

sift through the rubble but that the rescue operation was now finished The accident occurred when a 50-meter-long (160-

foot-long) balcony holding more than 100 spectators fell about 5 meters onto spectators underneath.

A government commission was created to determine the cause of the accident.

Swedes Find Train Wheel Fault

STOCKHOLM - Three Swedish X2000 high-speed trains were taken out of service in Stockholm on Thursday after a faulty wheel was discovered on another X2000 train during a routine check, Swedish Rail officials said. A railroad spokesman, Bjoern Hallden, said the fault

could be a result of manufacturing problems. The fault was discovered on one of the trains, while 10 of the trains were examined and declared safe. The three remaining trains were taken out of service as a precautionary measure as railroad authorities did not have time to check them before their scheduled departures.

A broken wheel was found to be the cause of the train crash on June 3 in Eschede, Germany, that killed 100 people.

Greek President in Cyprus

NICOSIA — President Constantinos Stephanopoulos of Greece arrived in Cyprus on Thursday on the first visit by a Greek head of state to this divided Mediterranean

The visit is seen as a show of Greek solidarity with Greek Cypriots at a time of increased tension between Cyprus and Turkey, which backs the island's breakaway Turkish Cypriot state.

Mr. Stephanopoulos is a figurehead and his office is largely ceremonial, but his four-day visit has prompted President Suleyman Demirel of Turkey to plan a visit to the Turkish-Cypriot part of Cyprus next week. (AP)

French Reform Regional Voting

PARIS - The French Parliament has voted to reform the way in which regional councils are elected, in a move

ostensibly aimed at ensuring coherent majorities. The reform follows the uproar after the last regional polls in which several rightist candidates defied their party leaders and accepted the support of the far-right National Front in the battle for control of regional councils.

The reform, approved on Wednesday night, will replace the former one-round system with a two-round poll in which the party that wins an outright majority of votes in the first round will automatically get 25 percent of the seats up for grabs.

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northern Norway. Their analysis of the lump and its shadowy history, which they describe in the current issue of the journal Nature, illuminates one of the few confirmed instances of the use of germ weapons in

can also strike humans with an often

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to revive a few surviving organisms had been stored, without any special precautions."

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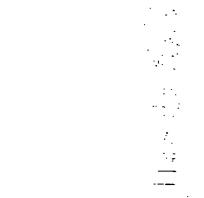
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AIDS Running Wild

The latest figures on the global 'AIDS epidemic are frightening beyond expectations. A country-by-country - analysis by the United Nations AIDS program has found that HIV, the virus that causes AIDS, is running wild through many parts of the developing world, especially the impoverished nauons of Africa south of the Sahara.

The virus has infected one in four adults in Botswana and Zimbabwe, and almost one in five in several other African countries. Most do not even know they harbor the virus. Virtually all are doomed unless modern science or their own beleaguered governments can pull off some miracle not yet in sight.
As it stands now, the AIDS pan-

demic is destined to rival the Black Death of the Middle Ages and the influenza pandemic of 1918-1919 as a global horror.

Unfortunately, there are no sure-fire weapons to bring the epidemic under control. Drugs to treat the disease have

they are prohibitively expensive for poor countries where the virus is most prevalent. Although it is heartening that several drug companies are planning huge price cuts for poor nations, even that will leave the cost too high for most Africans.

Prevention programs stressing health education and condoms have helped some countries slow transmission of the virus, but the best hope would be a vaccine to prevent infection. The first full-scale clinical trial of an AIDS vaccine is just getting under way in the United States and Thailand, but many experts believe that the vaccine being tested is not very promising. The message in the latest UN estimates is that efforts to secure an effective vaccine must be broadened and greatly intensified. Otherwise, today's shockingly high HIV infection rates will only get worse.

-THE NEW YORK TIMES.

A Clinton Duty in China

Speak Plainly

We would feel more confident about the lasting value of President Bill Clinton's trip to China, which began on Thursday, if we knew that someone had included among his briefing papers a summary of President Ronald Reagan's extraordinary visit to the Soviet Union in 1988.

President Reagan used that trip to meet with prominent dissidents and speak directly to Soviet audiences about fundamental freedoms and the advantages of democracy, and there was little that his host, Mikhail Gorbachev, could do about it but

Mr. Reagan knew that one of the important powers of a traveling president is the right to speak plainly in lands unaccustomed to open debate. Mr. Clinton has the same luxury. The cause of human rights will be poorer if

he squanders it. His aides have said he will address the issue in some way, and there is no shortage of promising venues. His itinerary includes a small village that has just conducted its first open election. an ecumenical church, and a classroom at Beijing University.

But there is one obvious setting in which he can seize the moment, politely but firmly, to assert American values. That is Tiananmen Square, which he will visit on Saturday, where hundreds of peaceful pro-democracy demonstrators were slaughtered on

The Chinese, of course, prefer to see Mr. Clinton's visit to Tiananmen Source not as a reminder of that tragedy but as a form of closure, a way of saying farewell to a relationship strained by that memory, and of moving quickly to the "constructive stra-

Sour Foretastes

China's decision to bar three journalists from Bill Clinton's press plane contributes to a less than auspicious beginning of the first to China by a U.S. president since the Tiananmen massacre of 1989. One would have hoped that China would respect the president's right to travel with a delegation and press corps of America's choosing. One would have hoped, too, that he would have fought harder for that right - at least canceling the tourist portions of his visit in protest. Instead, Mr. Clinton acquiesced to China's slight.

His award of an interview to the three rebuffed Radio Free Asia reporters before he departed for Xian on Wednesday might have seemed enough of a consolation prize had the whole incident not occurred in an at-mosphere of U.S. accommodation to Chinese demands.

There was, for example, Mr. Clinton's acceptance of China's demand that he be received next to Tiananmen Square, thereby bolstering China's campaign to show that the world is ready to accept, forget or at least move beyond the 1989 shootings.

There was, as reported in The Washington Times on Tuesday, the decision by America's ambassador to China to bar the Voice of America from adding a second correspondent to its Beijing bureau, again apparently so as not to offend China's rulers.

tegic partnership" celebrated in last fall's meeting in Washington between President Clinton and President Jiang

But why accept Beijing's definition of what the Tiananmen visit means? More than 700 people were arrested there nine years ago, and many are still in prison. Mr. Clinton can honor their memory by describing their sacrifice as a reminder of how much further China and its leaders must travel.

This is one of the points the president's Republican critics have been trying to make on Capitol Hill. On Tuesday they tried unsuccessfully to ram through a series of amendments that, among other things, would have denied visas to Chinese officials involved in religious persecution or forced abortions, and put new restrictions on some forms of economic aid.

Senate Democrats said the entire exercise was an attempt to embarrass the president. "I'm not going to allow one single vote on China this week, said Senator Thomas Daschle, the Democratic leader. But there are also plenty of liberal Democrats who believe that in pursuing his policy of engagement Mr. Clinton has looked squishy on human rights.

Of course China cannot be viewed through a single lens, and of course there will be other important issues on the president's agenda in the coming days. But the Chinese leadership has already profited greatly from his visit. His very presence is an affirmation of Beijing's growing power.

The Chinese are certainly strong enough to hear straight talk on American values, and a presidential statement of solidarity with the democrats in Chinese society. A show of presidential will would not disrupt the trip. It might even make it memorable — THE NEW YORK TIMES

There was the administration's inability to find room, in a traveling party of roughly 1,000, for the State Department's top coordinator on Tibet, a person who was appointed ostensibly to demonstrate the administration's con-

cern with human rights abuses there. And then there was the story on Tuesday of the missing circuit board, the latest in a disturbing series of reports relating to Chinese weapons proliferation and the sharing of U.S. technology with China.

When a Chinese rocket carrying a U.S. satellite exploded in 1966, Chinese officials barred all Americans from the crash site for five hours. When access finally was permitted, a secret encoded circuit board was missing. Administration officials said that it might have fallen out, and that even if Chinese officials had filched it, the threat to U.S. national security would be nil or minimal, because the encryption technology was not the latest. Somehow, those caveats weren't all

that reassuring. Mr. Clinton is correct when he says that China and the United States would both gain if they could cooperate on trade, environmental protection, re-gional stability and other issues. But such cooperation can be viable only in an atmosphere of trust and honest dealing. The substance of recent news reports suggests a deficit in those areas that no amount of summit pageantry and banqueting is likely to overcome. - THE WASHINGTON POST

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Clinton Does Well to Try to Cooperate With China

PARIS — For better or worse, the U.S.-Chinese relationship seems destined to be one of the principal pivots in international relations well into the 21st century. The Clinton administration will be judged more kindly by historians than by contemporaries for its farsighted China policy.

Occasional clumsy missteps — the decision to meet in Tiananmen Square, the fund-raising frenzy that allowed political opponents to charge that U.S. policy toward China was for sale should not obscure the big picture.

President Bill Clinton was right to make an improved relationship with China an important part of his foreign policy, even if that meant making the tough decision to down play human rights in the interest of better relations on a broad range of issues.

That decision on human rights, and the policy that flows from it, have enraged China's many critics in the United States. The left denounces China's poor record on labor rights, political rights and the environment, and its repression of Tibetan Buddhists. The right denounces China's forced family planning and abortion policies, its one-party Communist system and its repression of Chinese Christians.

There is merit in all these charges, and more. But no catalogue of China's shortcomings should make us lose sight of the central fact of modern Chinese life: that the present government is incomparably the best and most successful government in China's 3,000-year history.

Taking China as a whole, human

By Walter Russell Mead

viduals have never been so free to pursue their own economic, cultural, religious, political and social interests. No Chinese government has ever brought so many people out of poverty. Few, if any, have enforced the law so fairly across so wide a territory.

Moreover, no Chinese government has ever dared to open China to outside influences the way this one has.

With the end of the Cultural Revolution. China launched a great experiment, sending tens of thousands of the best and brightest of the rising generation to study abroad in Western universities. At the same time, Western teachers and books have been imported into China on an unprecedented scale, and Western businesses have penetrated deeply into the framework of China's economic life.

Tens of millions of Chinese people today have had direct contact with the world of ideas beyond China. More than any previous generation, they un-derstand how non-Communist political and economic systems work, and have firsthand experience in working in market-oriented enterprises in an international context.

Whatever happens in the labyrinthine intrigues of Beijing politics, the consequences of this vast and daring opening will shape Chinese life in the decades to come.

There may well be more tragic incidents like the attack on the students at Tiananmen. Many more courageous rights and individual property have and patriotic Chinese will suffer jail or never been so well respected. Indi-

process in motion that has already changed China for the better, and will bear fruit in more changes still.

China's critics need to approach it with more sympathy. It has more than a billion people; no Western government faces the challenge of governing a society this large, this poor, this traumatized by history. Feudalism, nepotism, corruption and the oppression of women and ethnic minorities have deep roots in popular and elite culture. China's 20th century history has been a series of epic disasters; invasions, civil wars, anarchy, the Great Leap and the

Cultural Revolution. That the government and society are not perfect should not surprise us. Nevertheless, it would be hard to find any country on earth where human rights conditions and economic prosperity have improved so dramatically in the last generation.

The political, economic and social progress since the Cultural Revolution then has been breathtaking.

Chinese workers may be poorly paid, but in "democratic" Russia corrupt former Communist officials make fortunes from corruptly privatized industries while millions of Russian workers receive no wages at all for months at a time.

China's record on religious freedom looks good in contrast to such American allies as Saudi Arabia and Pakistan. And one does not have to look far in Asia and Africa to find countries where the rule of law is less respected than in the Middle Kingdom.

What Mr. Clinton appears to realize

present Chinese government has set a fundamentally about money. They are about peace - peace in Asia and therefore peace in the world.

China is a rising superpower which could threaten the balance of power in Asia. The United States has learned that it cannot permit any other single power to dominate either Europe or Asia. Attempts by Germany, Japan and the Soviet Union to overturn the balance of power led the United States into both world wars, the Cold War and the Korean and Vietnam conflicts.

This reality leaves America with stark choices. Either it builds a relationship with China that integrates China into a broader Asian and world order which accommodates Chinese interests while preserving a basic balance of power, or it must prepare to oppose China's power as it grows — a policy that could lead to war.

The wisest path is clearly to seek improved relations with China while maintaining America's current alliances and relationships in Asia.

American strength in Asia gives China incentives to seek integration into what is fundamentally an American-sponsored regional order. But China will oppose that order if its interests cannot be accommodated within it. Therefore, a policy of American engagement and strength in the region needs to be matched with a sincere willingness to include China, consult with it and address its concerns.

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At Tiananmen, Proclaim Who Was on the Right Side of History

WASHINGTON — President Bill Clinton does not travel light. He arrived in China with 10 limousines, 500 staff members, 200 reporters, five cabinet members, six congressmen, his wife, his daughter and -- not listed anywhere on the manifest — the looming example of Ronald Reagan.

With any luck, Mr. Clinton will do at Beijing University what Mr. Reagan did at Moscow State University in 1988: Explain what it means to be an American.

Mr. Reagan did that brilliantly, telling his student audience, and those watching on television, about the independent judiciary, academic freedom and, very significant in his eyes, the importance of limiting government.

For Mr. Clinton, this is a

By Richard Cohen

By Flora Lewis

Reagan's thespian gifts. But the president clearly intends to say something about human rights. He need not be bornbastic, nor should he preen. But Americans are more than mere traders who would whistle past a prison full of political prisoners on the way to strike a deal.

Mr. Clinton will be officially greeted on Saturday in Tiananmen Square where, in 1989, the army annihilated pro-democracy protesters. most of them students. How many died? No one seems to know. Surely it was hundreds, maybe more.

Did the dead include that young man - the one in the white shirt and dark pants --

hard act to follow; he lacks Mr. who stood so bravely in front of a line of tanks? No one knows that, either. As long as there is memory, though, that

> China is a proud country, an ancient civilization which, understandably, is fed up with being told by Western powers how to behave. It will do as it pleases, and it

> has done pretty well of late. The Chinese have raised their standard of living in a dramatic fashion. The country has gone from a goon state to one where personal liberties are taken for granted. Its economy is evolving from rigid socialism to a rambunctious something else.

A little study makes demonizing China all but impossible. Of course, China has something like 2,000 political prisoners. It has no free press and its government was hardly elected. It has but one party.

But local elections are permitted, some political prisoners have been freed, and bit by bit China is learning (often from American experts) about the rule of law.

The picture when it comes to religion is just as mixed.

The China of the American right, the one described by Senator John Ashcroft, Republican of Missouri, as "the worst persecutor of people of faith," does not exist.

The country refuses to conform to any stereotype, except that in most areas it is slowly improving. It no longer is a youthful revolutionary society, but a middle-aged world power with commensurate ob-

ligations. It frequently cooperares with the United States.

It remains, though, the sort of place where, at the caprice of the authorities, an individual can be jailed, even executed. When it comes to human rights, China still stands, as Mr. Clinton told President Jiang Zemin last year in Washington, on

"the wrong side of history." The president owes his hosts the courtesy of being greeted in the place of their choosing. But he owes Americans an affirmation of their values and, as the New York Post suggested, a stirring Reaganesque vow that the living and dead of Tianan-

men will be remembered. Their fate is only partly a mystery. They remain where they were when they died on the right side of history.

The Washington Post.

Now Comes the Hard Part for the Growing New Europe

three ex-Warsaw Pact states to join NATO will become full members next spring, and five Eastern countries, plus Cyprus, have started formal talks for entry into the European Union. Every responsible politician, east and west, makes a big point of saying that this is only the beginning, the doors will remain open, there will be no new

dividing line through Europe. And yet there is more and more recognition that the old line, symbolized by the Berlin Wall, is still there and will probably last for quite a while.

A lot has changed in the mere nine years since the wall was pulled down, and remarkably peacefully. But the division has tition, But they warn of difficult

GENEVA — A week in Geneva offers an inside

look at the world's effort to

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Unspeakable atrocities against said, would be the first effec-

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many ways. That was said openly and repeatedly at the World Economic Forum's third Central and East European Economic Summit in Salzburg.

There were a thousand people, twice as many as two years ago, and concrete questions showing a lot of interest in pro-moting business. Time is an issue. The East-

emers are in a hurry to be accepted or to qualify as candidates in the next batch of talks. The Westerners speak soothingly of unifying Europe and of the moral obligation to undo the post-World War II par-

The World Capital of the Victims

By Larry Minear

ages, of their victims.
Unlike West Africa and the

Great Lakes, Kosovo was

front-page news. After the

closing of the border with Al-

bania. the major refugee ex-

odus had been stanched. By

then there were already some

12,000 refugees in Albania,

about the same number in

Montenegro, and many more

ficials feared that the situation

would deteriorate further, de-

spite Western diplomacy and

NATO muscle-flexing. As in

Africa, maintaining interna-

On Monday, a senior UN

On Wednesday, other UN

officials expressed the view

tive weapon against a culture

tracted scant media attention.

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The week's statements at-

official linked the bloodletting

he had seen in Sierra Leone to

UN and private agency of-

displaced in Kosovo itself.

not disappeared. It weighs in adjustments on both sides. They are not in a hurry to make room for impatient newcomers

It is a strange, uncomfortable mood. The differences are greater and harder to resolve than the euphoria at the end of the Cold War left room to imagine. The big decisions of principle have been made, and will not be reversed. But they provoke a whole nest of new problems, strains and fears for Europe to

face in the new century. Superficially, the major cities are taking on the same glossy, bustling, self-indulgent look. But living standards prove drastically different.

Ursula Engelen-Kefer, depu-

their power to shock. Still,

there appears to be a growing

consensus that human rights

are too important to be the sole

preserve of human rights and

aid agencies, and need to be

given higher priority by the

needs to continue, without

political agendas, but officials

now realize the need for such

assistance to affirm basic hu-

Nine major coalitions of

private relief groups, meeting

last week in Geneva, turned

their attention to how that

mittee of the Red Cross had

convened its delegates from

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A full decade into the post-

Cold War era, the internation-

al community is still strug-

gling with the challenges

posed by a new kind of con-

flicts. Those dug in on the

front lines against the ascend-ant forces of inhumanity are

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The writer co-directs the

Humanitarianism and War

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entire international system.

German trade union federation, complained that Eastern governments are too strong and employers' federations too weak to make adequate negotiating partners for labor and its demand for a high level of social security protection. A Polish economist said her approach would only increase unemployment.

Austrian Chancellor Viktor Klima pointed out that Ukraine. not a declared EU aspirant but not far away, has 50 million people living on 6 to 8 percent of Austrians' per capita income. He is obviously worried about massive migration.

All the candidate countries are launching the elaborate legislative and administrative reforms needed to bring their national practices up to EU standards the acauis communautaire that all must accept. But it turns out that several lack the capacity to put new rules in place.

Ex-Communist apparatchiks don't know how to go about it. And Poland's anti-Communist nationalists don't see why they should bow before Brussels.

The biggest difficulty is neither technical nor economic. It is the human one. Lithuania's President Valdas Adamkus, who spent most of his life in the United States, is pressing to be added soon to the list of negotiators. But to prepare his

ty chairman of the powerful country, he has to rely on the new generation. "They have no experience but it's easier to teach them the jobs than to change the older people's mentality."
Some of the younger speakers

gave a different perspective. There is a growing resentment that the West is being too generous, too tolerant of Russia's bumbling, corrupt, unproductive reforms. "A second Yalta," one Pole has called it demanding that the West "crack down."

Their elders remind them that a poor, chaotic Russia is a dangerous neighbor and that their own economies would benefit from Russian recovery, but that is not considered self-evident.

There really is a blueprint for the new Europe, and the outlines of a map to get there. All agree that it has to be democratic and market-based. But all know that their constituents and market forces have priorities that conflict with those of others.

There isn't an atmosphere of confrontation, but the easy consensus on cooperation goes little beyond rhetoric. As Mr. Klima said, "the direction is right." But it won't be easy getting

there, and it won't be quick. It is not just a matter of lack of vision and statesmanship, although they can help. It is that stubborn human beings find it hard to change.

Flora Lewis.

IN OUR PAGES: 100, 75 AND 50 YEARS AGO

1898: Free Trade

PARIS - The New Orleans "Picayune" says: "One result of the most decisive sort that will flow from the war with Spain will be a radical change in all American national issues. A country with extensive foreign colonies, such as the United States is likely to have, can no longer maintain a policy of commercial isolation in the form of high prohibitive tariffs on imports. The fetich of protection will be discarded. Annexation means free trade with all annexed countries.

1923: Negro Exodus

BIRMINGHAM. Ala. - To what extent the migration of negroes from Alabama is due to the Ku Klux Klan is a subject of lively controversy among its citizens. The problem is proving of greater importance to the State. Substantial blocks of the

minority race are answering the industrial call of the North and thereby causing deep concern among the citizens interested in the development of the South. The iron and coal mines and steel plants are finding it increasingly difficult to get common labor. Some farmers are complaining of the shortage of farmhands for the first time in the history of the State.

1948: Fear Campaign BERLIN - The Russians, by

propaganda and physical acts, launched an all-out campaign to convince Berliners in the Westem sectors that unless the Westem Allies leave, the population will be victims of starvation, economic chaos, and possibly in some cases arrest. With the Soviet economic blockade right around the city, cutting it from all its Western food and coal supplies, the Russians were calculatingly using fear as a weapon.

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OPINION/LETTERS

Shaky CNN-Time Report Undercuts the UN in Iraq

By William Safire

Walter Isaacson, said "we feel that the doubts raised deserve full exthe use of poison gas. Thus it was with some horror that we read and watched the accusation by Time magazine and CNN that the United States used poison gas sarin, a lethal nerve gas — in a The clean of the commodate of the clean of t commando raid in Laos during the Vietnam War.

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Not since the KGB disinformation department spread word that the United States was causing the AIDS epidemic in Africa has there been such a charge of Amer-

ican evildoing.
This time it was Ted Turner's two responsible news organizations, citing 200 interviews during an eight-month investigation, reporting eyewitness accounts of the atrocity. Time wrote that Admiral Thomas Moorer, then chairman of the Joint Chiefs, was 'confirming the use of sarin."

The Time-CNN report seemed airtight. One of the commandos said he had called in air force choppers to drop "sleeping gas — slang for nerve gas" that killed pursuers. Peter Arnett, whose antiwar coverage in Vietnam made his reputation 28 years ago, stated as fact that Admiral Moorer "and other top military officials have confirmed the use of sarin."

But then, on closer examination, the report, a "grabber" needed to launch the newsmagazine-TV joint venture, began to fall apart.

In The Weekly Standard, Eric Felton dissected the "poisonous smear": CNN-Time's primary source, it seems, had written a book 15 years ago about his Vietnam experiences but never mentioned the amazing episode. He now claims to have "suppressed the memory" until the hypnotic CNN camera began to roll.

Admiral Moorer, 87 and in a nursing home, denies having confirmed the story; the reporters apparently badgered him into general statements that fit their mind-set. Interviews refuting the report were never aired or were twisted out of context. The army medic who went on the raid later stated that only nonlethal tear gas had been used. Other "top military officials" supposedly confirming the accusation have not come forward.

Good journalists at the magazine are dismayed at this Turnerization of Time. The managing editor,

ploration" and promised to "correct any mistakes and clarify any disputes that remain.

But the doubts will never go away. Blame-America types will always believe it. My Lai happened, they will point out why not this atrocity?

Though not so intended, this questionable report about poisongas use, slyly cast as an accusing question in Time's headline, will reinforce CNN's favored access to facilities in Baghdad.

We know for certain that one nation in our time has developed and used poison gas: Iraq dropped mustard gas on Kurds in Halabja in 1988, killing 5,000. (That is documented; soon after, a Kurdish contact sent me authentic film of the attack and Dan Rather broadcast it on CBS.)

This week, Jim Hoagland and Vernon Loeb of The Washington Post revealed the recent discovery by UN inspectors of deadly nerve gas traces on missile warheads built in Iraq before the Gulf War. This means that Saddam Hussein has long lied about having,

and probably still has, chemical weapons of mass destruction. At the Security Council, Richard Butler, head of the UN Special Commission, laid out the scientific evidence Wednesday to France, Russia and China.

These nations, eager to believe Mr. Saddam, demand that Mr. Butler show more hard evidence before any surprise inspections. As usual, Iraq denies all, and warns of "grave consequences" if the United Nations does not soon lift all sanctions.

The nerve gas evidence may buy the United States a couple of months. Then Mr. Saddam will begin harassing inspectors again. The UN secretary-general, Kofi Annan, who doubled Iraqi oil exports, will find a fallback compromise. President Bill Clinton. having drawn down the U.S. military presence, will accept the further fraying of resolve and proclaim peace for our time.

And Mr. Saddam's friends will say: Everybody knows the Americans used nerve gas in the Vietnam War. Are they not hypocrites to object to his having a few warheads to protect him from the Israelis?



Two Languages Double the Fun

By Ariel Dorfman

DURHAM, North Carolina — Ever since I settled in the United States 18 years ago, I have hoped that the nation might someday become truly multilin-

gual, with everyone speaking at least two languages.

I am aware, of course, that my dream is not shared by most Americans. If the outcome of California's referendum on bilingual education this month is any indication, the nation will continue to stubbornly prefer a monolingual country.

California voters rejected the bilingual approach — teaching subjects like math and science in the student's native language and gradually introducing English. Instead, they approved what is known as the immersion method, which would give youngsters a year of intensive English, then put them in regular classrooms.

The referendum was ostensibly about education, but the deeper and perhaps subconscious choice was about the future of America. Will this country speak two lan-

guages or merely one?
The bilingual method, in spite of its detractors' claims, does not imprison a child in his or her original language. Rather, it keeps it alive in order to build bridges to English.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

financial leaders on June 17.

Austrians' EU Jitters

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William Pfaff's discussion of

Austria's role in the EU ("Don't

Expect Austria to Put Europe in

the Phone Book," Opinion, June

15) implies that Austria's rela-

tionship to the EU is much more

approved the decision to join the

EU by a two-thirds majority. The

drive to expand the Union to the

east, which Austria's government

populist economic arguments

against free trade with poorer

In a 1994 referendum, Austrians

problematic than it really is.

Asian Sweatshops

Regarding the report "In the Asian Crisis, Even a Sweatshop Joh Beats No Joh at All" (June 16) and "Asiun Sins Alone Don't Explain This Crisis" (Opinion, June 17) by Tung Chec-hwa: Nicholas D. Kristof's photo-

graph, even more than his words, conveys the "tough times" of sweatshops. It is an eerie experience to compare his reports with the pictures and commentaries of Jacob A. Riis about such shops in New York in the 1870s and 1880s.

Perhaps a renewed muckracking campaign, Riis-style, will reform transnational corporate practices and introduce universal labor standards for wages, hours and working conditions.

quired is a global "jobs for all" program, with proper pay, decent working conditions and worker participation in decision-making. Such a sensible investment of the world's wealth could forever

end the recurrence of sweatshops

officially supports, has indeed dampened the EU's popularity. Of course, what is really re-This is not due to confusion about Austria's historical connections with Eastern Europe, but rather to the fact that the average Austrian is just as susceptible to

and would be a major step in countries as was the average

working together for the "shared American during the debate over growth and prosperity" urged at the North American Free Trade the Melbourne meeting of Asian Agreement.

Understandably, this has led the governing coalition to proceed carefully, for fear of losing more votes to Jörg Haider's rightist Freedom Party.

JORDAN STANCIL.

New and Old Jerusalem

Regarding the report "Israel Moves Defiantly to Expand Jerusalem" (June 22):

When the time comes for the Israeli government to compromise on the Jerusalem question, it can hand over those parts of the 'new" Jerusalem it plans to annex on the West Bank.

In one stroke, it will have placated its Orthodox constituency by not giving up any part of the 'original'' Jerusalem and will bave fulfilled the letter, if not the spirit, of the Oslo accords. IBRAHIM ALADWANI.

Cologne.

The immersion method, on the other hand, wants youngsters to cut their ties to the syllables of their past culture.

Both methods can work. I should know. I have endured them both. But my experience was unquestionably better with bilingual education.

I first suffered the immersion method in 1945 when I was 2. My family had recently moved to New

MEANWHILE

York from my native Argentina, and when I caught pneumonia, I was interned in the isolation ward of a Manhattan hospital.

I emerged three weeks later, in shock from having the doctors and nurses speak to me only in English. I did not utter another word in Spanish for 10 years.

That experience turned me into a savagely monolingual child, a xenophobic all-American kid, desperate to differentiate himself from Ricky Ricardo and Chiquita Banana. But when my family moved to Chile in 1954, I could not continue to deny my heritage. I learned Spanish again in a British school in Santiago that used the gradualist method. Thus I be-

came a bilingual adolescent.

Later, during the ideologically charged 1960s, I foolishly willed myself to become monolingual again, branding English as the language of an imperial power out to subjugate Latin America. I swore never to speak or write in

English again.
The 1973 military coup in Chile against the democratically elected government of Salvador Allende sent me into exile—and back into the arms of English, making me into this hybrid creature who now uses both languages and writes a memoir in English and a play in Spanish as if it were the most ordinary thing to do.

I have developed a linguistic ambidexterity that I will be the first to admit is not at all typical. Even so, it is within reach of others if they start early enough, this thrilling experience of being dual, of taking from one linguistic river and then dipping into the other, until the confluence of the two vocabularies connects distant communities. This is an experience I wish all Americans could share.

Or maybe I would be satisfied if voters in this country could undren from other lands to the won- gual Journey."

ders of English while leaving all the variety and marvels of their native languages intact, the American experience and idiom are fer-tilized and fortified.

If people could realize that immigrant children are better off. and less scarred, by holding on to their first languages as they learn a second one, then perhaps Americans could accept a more drastic

change. What if every English-speaking toddler were to start learning a foreign language at an early age, maybe in kindergarten? What if these children were to learn Spanish, for instance, the language already spoken by millions of American citizens, but also by so

many neighbors to the South? Most Americans would respond by asking why it is necessary at all to learn another language, given that the rest of the lanet is rapidly turning English

Both methods can work. But immersion cuts ties to the past culture.

into the lingua franca of our time. Is it not easier, most Americans would say, to have others speak to us in our words and with our

grammar? Let them make the mistakes and miss the nuances and subtleties while we occupy the more powerful and secure linguistic ground in any exchange.

But that is a shortsighted strategy If America does not change, it will find itself, let us say in a few hundred years, to be a monolingual nation in a world that has become gloriously multilingual.

It will discover that acquiring a second language not only gives people an economic and political edge, but is also the best way to understand someone else's culture, the most stimulating way to open your life and transform yourself into a more complete member of the species.

No tengan miedo. Do not be afraid. Your children will not be losing Shakespeare. They will just be gaining Cervantes.

The writer, a professor of literature and Latin American studies at Duke University, is the author, most recently, of "Heading derstand that by introducing chil- South. Looking North: A Bilin-

BOOKS

rowing New Euro How the Death of Vincent Foster Ignited a Political Firestorm

> By Dan E. Moldea. 463 pages. \$24.95. Regnery.

Reviewed by Robert Sherrill

ON July 20, 1993, after finishing a cheeseburger-fries-Coke lunch at his desk, Vincent Foster told his secretary "I'll be back" and walked out of his White House office. Five hours later his body was found in Fort Marcy Park off the George Washington Parkway. There were no signs of a struggle. Apparently he had sat in that isolated spot. stuck a .38 caliber pistol in his mouth and pulled the trigger.

Dan Moldea, the author of numerous investigative books, among them "Interference" and "The Killing of Robert Kennedy," says "Foster's suicide was the most important White House death since the 1963 assassination of President Kennedy," not because Foster's job as the president's deputy counsel was that important but because he belonged in the innermost Clinton circle: He had been the president's friend since childhood, the first lady's former law and investment partner. (And was he her lover, too? There were rumors.)

That connection got the public's conspiracy juices flowing: Had Foster, knowing too much about the first family's financial dealings, killed himself because he couldn't stand the pressure? Was he murdered, perhaps because he knew too much?

Suddenly the old Arkansas financial mess known as Whitewater, which up to then had been hardly a blip on the nation's political radar screen, became big news. The "why" of Foster's death launched five years of investigations: several in Congress, two by independ-

neth Start, and a series by the mainstream press. But the most flamboyant investigations — all aimed at proving a cover-up — were initiated by, according to Moldea, "a coalition of rightwing special-interest groups, as well as a handful of politically conservative journalists," all subsidized by Richard Scaife, heir to the Mellon banking for-

Moldea's "A Washington Tragedy" is a smart, chronological appraisal of all those investigations, including their FBI and police underpinnings, and Moldea promises that by following him through this morass "we will discover how a simple suicide of a troubled White House official developed — and was manipulated — into a long-running soap opera with historical significance. In other words, this is a story about how Washington works."

Although Moldea, a crime reporter of considerable repute and experience, uses his own investigations to clear up some of the troublesome questions about Foster's death, for the most part he is simply a neutral narrator, a levelheaded guide through the five years of sleuthing by others. His pages of notes at the end, by the way, are essential reading. All the official investigations con-cluded that Foster killed himself. But

murder theories were zealously circulated, mostly by kibitzers on the fringe like Rush Limbaugh, who, with zilch evidence, says Foster was actually killed in a "hideaway" apartment owned by Hillary Clinton. A lab analysis that found agrees on Foster's phore vsis that found semen on Foster's shorts

kept the murder theorists revved up.

Most of the suspicions that fed the various investigations, however, were not kooky. They were triggered mainly by 1) some impressively sloppy work on the part of the U.S. Park Police, who had

ent counsels Robert Fiske Jr. and Ken- jurisdiction in the case; 2) some highhanded manipulation of evidence by White House officials, and 3) some strange lapses and reversals of memory by the Foster circle. Typical of many fumbles: Not until after the Park Police had closed their case was a lab analysis done on the gun found in Foster's

While Park Police were kept at bay for a full day, Clinton insiders searched Foster's papers, looking, they said, for a suicide note. One Whitewater file was transferred to Hillary's office, on her orders - which she later denied. White House Counsel Bernard Nussbaum so severely limited what the cops could look at that Philip Heymann, deputy attorney general, asked him, "Bernie ... is there some terrible secret here that you are hiding?"

Suspicions about the White House's cooperation were heightened when voila! - one of Nussbaum's assistants belatedly found at the bottom of Foster's briefcase a note that had been torn into 28 pieces. Strange - a week earlier and in front of witnesses, Nussbaum had seemed to empty that briefcase. (As with some other key evidence, the note bore no fingerprints). Bitter and defensive, the note complained of mistreatment by the FBI, the press and the Republicans regarding 'Travelgate,'' a minor scandal now al-

most forgotten. Foster's last entry in the note: "I was not meant for a job or the spotlight of public life in Washington. Here ruining people is considered sport." True, says Moldea, "but the sport does have rules, and the best players know how to use them to survive."

Robert Sherrill, the author of "Why They Call It Politics." wrote this for The Washington Post.

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BRIDGE

By Alan Truscott

PLAYERS from the United States won most of the honors in the 13th Worldwide Brooklyn, who achieved 72.4 average: 42 predetermined shift to clubs, but South can Bridge Contest recently. The World Bridge Federation reported that the best score in Their usual game director in the world was achieved by Brooklyn is Al Perkins, who at Ray Bohne of Monterey, 93 is believed to be one of the California. and James Cov- oldest directors in the world. entry of Salinas, California.

77.7 percent, sitting Northsuch a score, they had some is the probable contract. generous opponents. One pair against them played in a threederstanding about a splinter

The best East-West score

71.83 percent in Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

The world's best score by a women's pair was by Christina Kenny and Rosalee Capone of percent playing North-South at match points out of 100. Snug Harbor in Staten Island.

They recorded a remarkable the game offered many choices for the players. If West has the was not. When Kenny was de- AQJ86 77.7 percent, siming Profile the players, it was take was not which recently was dethe first time 10 minutes before third seat, North is likely to bid play started. Predictably with one no-trump. Then four hearts astrous spade ace. She ruffed,

opened two hearts, in spite of the spade king. That was worth one fit after a slight misun- the spade void and the weak- 82 points out of 100. ness of the heart suit. Some Wests passed, discouraged by the vulnerability, and North-

two spades, and East went to club lead would have put the four spades over four hearts. defense in control, while a dia-South doubled and defeated mond lead would have left the the contract by one trick after a result in the balance. A finesse heart lead, but scored under would give East a chance to

to defend four hearts rather than bid four spades had a theoretical priumph but a practical disaster. Four hearts could be defeated. The diagramed deal from giving North-South a minus instead of a plus, but it usually diagram, the lead was a dis- * K2 drew trumps and scored 10 But at many tables South tricks, discarding a club loser on

A trump lead would have been no better, for South would East Sou eventually have discarded one Pass was that of Gene Petrey and Richard Sokol, who recorded hearts. But most Wests bid fourth diamond. An unlikely wes

prevail by taking the diamond The East-Wests who chose ace and leading trumps,

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East and West were vulnerable.

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eventual unity with Ireland and the Protestant desire to remain part of Britain.

A surprisingly low key and conciliatory campaign turned not as much on conflicts between the province's two jective. principal religious groups as on disputes

and competitions within them. Sinn Fein, the political wing of the Irish Republican Army, whose president is Gerry Adams, was looking to gain converts from the moderate Catholic Social Democratic and Labor Party of John Hume. And dissident Protestants, led by the 78-year-old firebrand Ian Paisley, were working to elect enough legislators to bottle up the work of the assembly. which will almost certainly have as its speaker David Trimble, leader of the largest Protestant party, the Ulster Uni-

Mr. Hume, whose party is the second biggest in the province, will likely be the

deputy.

Mr. Trimble has warned people that
Mr. Paisley's purpose is to get as many of his people into the assembly as possible in order to "wreck" it.

Emerging from his polling place Thursday, Mr. Paisley protested that description, saying instead that "the role we play will be as saviors of the un-

As the campaign has progressed, it has become apparent that what divides the electorate is not the traditional re-

Bomber Sentenced To 25 Years for Docklands Attack

referrations of the second of

The Associated Press LONDON - A man convicted of an Irish Republican Army bombing that killed two men and caused huge damage in London's Docklands district was sentenced to 25 years in prison on Thursday.

The man, James McArdle, 29, of Crossmaglen, Northern Ireland, was convicted of conspiring to cause explosions. He was specifically accused in the truck-bombing in London on Feb. 9, 1996, that marked the end of the IRA ceasefire declared in 1994.

The IRA went on to set off a huge explosion in the center of Manchester before calling a second

cease-fire in July.
Judge John Kay discharged the jury of three women and nine men from returning verdicts on charges that Mr. McArdle murdered two newspaper sellers killed in the blast because of what the prosecutor, John Bevan, described as a "clear and flagrant contempt" in a national newspaper report Thursday. Details of the contempt were not

Mr. McArdle admitted to driving the vehicle transporter used in the bombing on two occasions in Briporter was simply to bring back cars to Northern Ireland.

Judge Kay said he accepted that Mr. McArdle did not intend to kill or cause serious injury.

However, the judge said, "this conspiracy did in fact result in two deaths and many injuries."

ligious schism but people's views about the validity of the assembly itself. That, in turn, has produced an unaccustomed scenario for Northern Ireland where some Catholics and Protestants may end up voting knowingly for the same ob-

While the progression of the men who once committed savage acts of terror to their commitment to peaceful negotiations and the ballot box represents the most dramatic change in the conduct of politics in Northern Ireland, the transformation of Mr. Trimble in recent months has attracted notice of its own.

The last time Northern Ireland tried to create a power-sharing legislature, in 1974, Mr. Trimble, then a leader of the hard-line Ulster Vanguard, led the protests that forced its collapse. Today. he guides a campaign for inclusive government, giving speeches of populist fervor about reaching across community divides. Perhaps the best measure of his conversion is the fact that his old ally, Mr. Paisley, has branded him a traitor to Protestants.

The assembly will actually meet for the first time next week, but its order of business will be brief. It will formally select its two leaders and then move into a "shadow" existence in the fall, creating its rules and committees and selecting the other members of the 12person executive that will in effect be Northern Ireland's government. This will almost certainly make Mr. Adams a minister, an eventuality that Mr. Paisley and hard-line opponents of Mr. Trimble within his own party have continually cited as a reason for opposing the peace

The areas the assembly will be responsible for include agriculture, health, education, the environment, and economic development,

Even though the assembly will not formally be up and running for an estimated six months, there was an urgency to having the vote now so that the process would be completed before the Protestant marches that have been flash points for violence in recent years begin in July.

Among the assembly's most important early chores will be the creation of the cross-border council that brings members of the Northern Ireland govemment together with ministers from the Irish government. This responds to the desire of most Catholics for closer ties to Dublin and is the part of the peace settlement that Mr. Paisley and his followers are most eager to stymie.

The businesslike campaign and

Thursday's orderly vote were conducted in an atmosphere of unexpected sta-

While a splinter republican group, the Irish National Liberation Army, succeeded in bombing the market square of near the Irish border Wednesday, there have been far fewer outbreaks of violence than had been predicted by Ron-nie Flanagan, the chief of the Royal Ulster Constabulary.

All the major paramilitary groups antor of its continuation.

Election officials said the numbers the 67 percent who turned out here for the last British general election but less endum last month.



Voters arriving at a polling station Thursday in the Northern Ireland town of Newtownhamilton to find it was destroyed by a bomb Wednesday. Nike workers in Indonesia now make a

NIKE: Full-Court Press on Rights in Asia

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iconoclastic international cosmetics re-

Part of her job, she said in a telephone interview, is to supervise the creation of several education programs, in which 540 Nike workers in Indonesia will be able to study for elementary or high pense. Similar programs are set to begin in Vietnam and China.

Complaints against Nike surfaced more than a year ago as the company posted big profits and reports filtered out of Asia of forced overtime, workers humiliated by foremen at factories for not wearing the right shoes to work, and women too intimidated by their supervisors to ask for sick leave.

Miss Saini is dismissive of the neganive reports. "Most of the information is incorrect," she said. "They're not serious studies that have been carried out," adding that independent groups were setting up stalls and talking to

She said the company was still working on ways to monitor factories and was determining who would be allowed on monitoring teams. "It really depends on what group we're working with and what they feel is the best way of monitoring," she said. The groups have insisted on unfettered access to the factories. The criticism of Nike is not unanimous.

While the New York-based Interfaith Center on Corporate Responsibility has called for a more professional report on pay to be done, it says that Nike is "moving in the right direction," according to Reverend David Schilling of the center.

"Clearly, the air quality issue is very important to Nike — they've made substantial strides," in switching from oil-based to water-based adhesives in their Asian factories, he said.

than enough to live on and were able to generate savings.

She said that Nike was proud that in

March it raised its Indonesian wages to 15 percent above the national minimum.

base wage of 172,500 rupiah (\$11.75) per month. Unfortunately, the rupiah has depreciated severely since March.

At the time of the raise, the Interfaith Center found during a trip to Indonesia that "basic commodities, like rice, cooking oil and sugar, have tripled in price. Powdered milk, which took a day's wages at the minimum wage level to buy before the crisis, now takes approxischool equivalency degrees once their before the crisis, now takes approximately 10 days' wages and therefore is mately 10 days' wages and therefore is out of reach for most Indonesians."

On pay, "the issue isn't how many cents, the issue is will their wages translate into buying commodities to lead a sustained, healthy life," said Mr. Schilling. He described Nike's minimum wage rise in Indonesia in April as "a small step.

Human rights organizations argue that workers in Asia should make at least \$3 a day to cover basic food, housing and clothing needs. The Dartmouth study reported that the average annual income of a Nike worker in Vietnam is \$384, or just over \$1.48 per day assuming a fiveday workweek.

Human rights groups say the Dartmouth study is shoddily done and contradicts its own data.

The Transnational Center said that at one Nike factory, 12 out of 37 workers reported pay below their province's legal minimum wage of \$35 per month.
The Dartmouth team "apparently did not find this violation of Vietnamese law relevant or interesting enough to menit comment in the main report," said the Transnational Center.

One of the biggest drawbacks of the Dartmouth study cited by critics was that in figuring out whether Nike workers could get by on their salaries, it did not talk to any employees in Vietnam. Instead, it compiled a consumption profile in a small series of interviews with randomly chosen households.

The Dartmouth report also conflicts As for pay, Miss Saim stood by a with one conducted earlier in 1997 by study Nike commissioned from Dart- the Washington-based Vietnam Labor mouth College's Amos Tuck School that Watch. In March of last year, after inconcluded that factory workers in Indonesia and Vietnam were paid more ported that with a daily wage of \$1.60 and three meals a day costing \$2.10, several women interviewed said "they literally have to make a daily decision between eating a balanced meal or paying rent for the single rooms that most of them rent out.'

COURT: Justices Uphold Attorney-Client Privilege After Death

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"It has been generally, if not universally, accepted for well over a century that the attorney-client privilege survives the death of the client in a case such as this," he wrote. "While the the rural village of Newtownhamilton arguments against the survival of the privilege are by no means frivolous, they are based in large part on speculation."

The justices overturned a federal appeals court ruling that three pages of notes taken by Mr. Foster's attorney, have been maintaining a cease-fire, and Foster's suicide in July 1993, would client," it does not always take priority Start's tendency to expand his four-Thursday's election was at once a have to be turned over to a Whitewater

Mr. Starr said Thursday that he was disappointed in the Supreme Court rulpointed to a turnout of more than 70 ing, but added, "We understand and percent of registered voters, more than respect the care and expedition with which the court resolved the case."

Mr. Starr had argued that if Mr. Foster noted that the privilege that protects the

deceased did not apply in disputes the first lady, Hillary Rodham Clinton,

Groups including the American Bar Association, the National Hospice Organization and the American Psychiatric ployees so that they could be replaced Association had filed briefs against Mr. Starr's arguments. They argued that an end to the privilege would cast a chill over their clients' talks with lawyers.

Justice Sandra Day O'Connor, writing for the court minority, said that alnotes taken by Mr. Foster's attorney, though attorney-client privilege "ordin-seize on Thursday's high-court decision James Hamilton, nine days before Mr. arily will survive the death of the as confirmation of what they say is Mr.

among their heirs over interpretation of who was a law partner of Mr. Foster's in wills.

Arkansas, had lied about the firings, and whether Mr. Foster and others had fabricated charges against the fired emwith Clinton friends. Mr. Foster's conversation with Mr. Hamilton in July 1993 focused on the firings.

Mrs. Clinton has denied having any role in the dismissals.

Clinton defenders seemed sure to over the need for information in a crim-year-old investigation beyond reason.

But Mr. Starr has won more legal The case was one of many legal battle- battles than he has lost. A federal judge grounds on which Mr. Starr has fought to turned down a Clinton administration broaden his investigation of the Clinton attempt to bar two top aides from testipresidency. The request for the Foster fying before the grand jury, citing exnotes harks back to an earlier phase of ecutive privilege, and the court also rehis inquiry, involving the firing in 1993 jected an assertion by the Justice the last British general election but less than the record 81 percent who cast were still alive, he could have been reballots in the fiercely contested referoured to provide evidence. He also the fiercely contested referoured to provide evidence. He also the fiercely contested referoured to provide evidence are still alive, he could have been respectively. The fiercely contested referoured to provide evidence are still alive, he could have been respectively. The fiercely contested referoured to provide evidence are still alive, he could have been respectively. The fiercely contested referoured to provide evidence are still alive, he could have been respectively. The fiercely contested referoured to provide evidence are still alive, he could have been respectively. The fiercely contested referoured to provide evidence are still alive, he could have been respectively. The fiercely contested referoured to provide evidence are still alive, he could have been respectively. The fiercely contested referoured to provide evidence are still alive, he could have been respectively. The fiercely contested referoured to provide evidence are still alive, he could have been respectively. The fiercely contested referoured to provide evidence are still alive, he could have been respectively. The fiercely contested referoured to provide evidence are still alive, he could have been respectively. The fiercely contested referoured to provide evidence are still alive, he could have been respectively and the fiercely contested referoured to provide evidence are still alive, he could have been respectively and the fiercely contested referoured to provide evidence are still alive. The fiercely contested referoured to provide evidence are still alive, he could have been respectively and the fiercely contested referoured to provide evidence are still alive. The fiercely contested referoured to provide evidence are still alive. The fiercely contested are still alive are still alive are still alive. The fiercely contested are still alive ar Mr. Starr has been examining whether testimony from Secret Service officers.

Judge Orders Body Of Calvi Exhumed

ROME - The body of Roberto Calvi, the powerful Italian banker found hanging under Blackfriars Bridge in London in 1982, is to be exhumed to determine if he was murdered or took his own life, judicial sources said. A judge in Rome has agreed to

the exhumation on the request of Flavio Carboni, one of the four men accused of murdering Mr. Calvi, the sources said. Mr. Calvi was then chairman of Italy's largest private bank, Banco Ambrosi

The defendant's lawyers recently told magistrates that a British coroner's report in the year of Mr. Calvi's death showed that he hanged himself.

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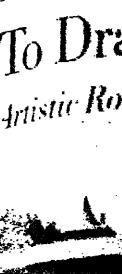
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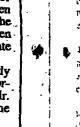




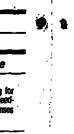


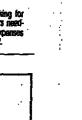






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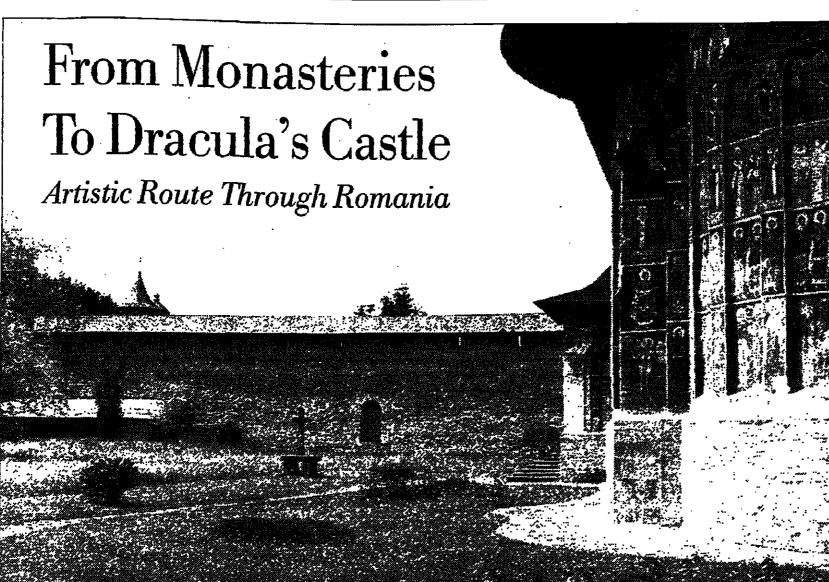
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The monastery at Sucevita, one of about a dozen still functioning Byzantine monasteries in the Carpathian Mountains of northern Romania.

By Erik Sandberg-Diment

RADEA, Romania — Until recently, crossing into Romania could take half a day or more, even with oranges, cigarettes and beer dispensed to smooth the process. The change in the last year or two has been nothing short of astounding. Driving in from Hungary at the Oradea border crossing last summer was as easy as entering Canada from the United States — taking us all of six minutes to deal with smiling, visitororiented guards.

I exchanged money at a border branch of the Bank of Transylvania. At the time, the rate was 6,400 lei to the dollar (it is now about 8,500 lei). It was a bit startling to have the woman in the booth hand me a bank-banded one-million-lei bundle of 10,000 lei notes and then continue to count out another half million lei to add to my stack, all in exchange for \$300.

Gasoline, which now costs about 4,200 lei a liter, put my new-found nillionaire status in perspective. Still, at number of small farms that offer bedabout \$2 a gallon, it's easily the least expensive in Europe.

The first sights and smells of Romania were less reassuring, with tall belching chimneys of an aluminum smelter on one side of the road and a huge multistory chicken factory on the other, exuding its sharp odor of distressed fowl. While the city of Oradea, six miles from the border, had a number of imposing turn-of-thecentury buildings in good condition, it consisted mostly of clusters of Communist-era apartment buildings - essentially concrete slabs.

My Viennese uncle and I had sponuneously set out for this weeklong tour of the green and craggy Carpathian Mountains in northern Romania, home to about a dozen still functioning Byzantine monasteries. Built during the 15th and 16th centuries, these fortified churches were painted for the enlightenment of the

Using a folk art style overlaid with Byzantine and Gothic influences, artists employed by various princes who were defending Christianity against the marauding Turks produced interior and exterior strip paintings, resulting in the equivalent of giant cartoons in fresco.

people in the nearby villages.

The symbolism in these remarkable wall paintings is clear. Good citizens rising to heaven wear traditional Moldavian head scarves, those falling into hell the turbans of their archenemies, the Turks. Saints, of course, wear halos, their luster still amazingly bright thanks to some natural pigmentation known only to the original artisans.

SISTINE CHAPEL OF THE EAST

Our first stop was the monastery of Voronet. Referred to by the Romanians as the Sistine Chapel of the East, this church differs from its Italian counterpart by being painted both inside and out. The monastery lies a few miles off a main highway, E576. The villages along the way appear very much the same as they must have centuries ago, and farmers can be seen in the fields sowing the seeds by hand.

Roads in Romania are mostly two lanes and quite often have potholes that will wear out almost any shock absorber. Consequently, driving speeds are slow by most standards. A branch sticking out of the road is the warning of a large hole or, in urban areas, of a missing manhole cover. Gasoline, including lead-free, is readily available.

The church at Voronet was built at the behest of Prince Stephen the Great, between May and September of 1488 — an amazing accomplishment considering the technology of the time and the season, the most work-intensive time for the peasants in the surrounding fields. The earlier interior frescoes, with a deep, dark patina of hundreds of years of candle smoke, include one of Stephen the Great in the nave. He and his entourage are depicted offering thanks to Jesus for the divine aid that allowed the Moldavians to turn back the Turkish invaders in 1475, at the battle of Vaslui.

The exterior walls — including a representation of the Last Judgment on the west wall --- were painted in 1547 with a background of vivid cerulean blue. This blue is so vibrant that art historians refer to Voronet blue the same way they do Titian red. There was only a handful of tourists visiting the monastery, and they were Romanian.

We continued what was basically a

circle tour of the monasteries: a string of Renaissance pearls set in the silent splendor of mountainous fir forests. Our next stop was Suceava, about half an hour away. Once the capital of the Bukovina region, it is now a less interesting industrial center but a convenient place to spend the night or have lunch, since the employees of the larger hotels and restaurants usually speak a few words of English, German, French or another European language. On the whole in Romania, you have to stay at a two-star hotel or better to approach international standards. There are three of these in Suceava, starting at about \$30 a night (including breakfast - inevitably and-breakfast accommodations. The latter, which cost about \$20 to \$35 a night. allow you to stay with some very friendly families, although communication tends to be difficult.

For lunch at one of the many outdoor cafés, we started with soup. My uncle chose the chicken vegetable and I the tripe, or, as the waitress rephrased it in a surprising burst of English, "One chicken, one stomach." Cream of tripe soup served with a hot green pepper on the side for munching is a traditional Ro-manian dish of the region — and this version was very tasty.

CONSTRUCTING A MEAL In Romania everything on the menu is priced separately. If you order a schnitzel, for instance, and the waitress asks about potatoes or salad or vegetables, the question is not so much one of selection as what you want to pay for. Even a basket of bread — or a second hot pepper for the soup — will usually incur an extra charge of 25 or 50 cents. But a three-course lunch with stuffed cabbage, cheese pie or breaded veal cutlets still runs only about \$9 to \$15, including bottle of \$2 or \$3 wine.

After lunch we headed north toward the Dragomirna Cloister, fortified against the Turks by impenetrable stone walls some 30 feet high. The monastery, about seven miles out of town, is on a poorly marked road. On the whole, getting around Romania is not difficult. because road signs indicating the direction to towns are fairly numerous and accurate. (Road numbers such as E85, on the other hand, are usually marked only on maps, not on the roads themselves.) Even when, as in this case, there are no signs, as long as one can say "monastire," followed by the appropriate surname, just about any one of the friendly people of this country will point

you in the right direction. The Dragomirna monastery is later than Voronet — it was built in the early 1600's — and different from many others in that the exterior remained unpainted. It sits peacefully in a wooded valley where its bell echoes off the hills. The stonework of the bell tower is somewhat fantastical in spirit with its unique carved geometrical motifs, in stark contrast to the strong utilitarian corner towers of the fortifications, which served to keep the infidel Turk at bay.

As we stood alone in the courtvard of Dragomirna and wandered the fields outside, the silence was so palpable that our ears hummed. There was not a mechanical sound to be heard, not a car or a plane or a motor. Every note of birdsong was a discrete tone within the parenthesis of silence. For a moment I fantasized about staying forever. Then we headed back to the car.

Our tour of monasteries continued: Arbore; Putna, far up by the Ukrainian border, about two hours from Suceava; Sucevita, and then my favorite, Moldovita, in the town of the same name. To me the most perfect of the painted and fortified churches in this region, the monastery at Moldovita, was built in 1532 to replace "an earlier structure felled," so said the English brochure, by "earth gliding," which we took to mean an earthquake. The exterior walls surrounding the church and living quarters were rebuilt in the late 1950s.

The church itself remains completely unrestored. One can only marvel at the vividness of the frescoes some 500 years after they were painted. A vibrant, mostly red and blue mural of the siege of Constantinople is particularly striking, as is a depiction of the Tree of Jesse, a theme linking the Old and New Testaments, on the southern wall. Inside the church is a mural chronicling the year, day by day, saint by saint. These serial pictures, which in one form or another decorate all the churches of the region, were used to educate the unlettered inhabitants in the ways of the Orthodox religion.

Although seeing these glorious churches was our goal, since we were so close we headed south for the inevitable visit to Bran, home of Dracula, in Transylvania, the province adjoining Moldavia. The fastest way to make the 150-mile drive to Bran is to take E85 to Bacau and then E574 to Bran by way of Brasov. The heart-stopping way, and the one we chose, is to take the back roads via Bicaz. Gheorgheni and Miercurea-Ciuc, going through the gorge at Lacu Rosu.

Hairpin turns, overhanging cliffs and swiftly running mountain streams tumbling down the Carpathian Mountains make this one of the wildest regions of Romania. Surprisingly, given its dra-matic beauty, aside from a couple of souvenir stands at a wide spot on the road, we had the gorge almost completely to ourselves. In a distance of some 15 miles we saw only two other cars, half a dozen horse-drawn carts, the animals wearing bridles adorned with the traditional large red tassels, and a bus.

Bran Castle appeared on a hilltop as we drove through a pass connecting the Walachia provinces of Transvlvania, a medieval collection of towers, spires, fortified walls and hidden passages.

UILT in 1382, it guarded what was once the only road between Campulung and Brasov. All goods passing through were subject to a percent tax, which probably generated less revenue than the visitors to the castle do today. Though the castle was not crowded, the couple dozen visitors we met there and in the small, reconstructed village below reminded us that we were back in the more traveled

The contents of the castle consist mostly of an eclectic collection of massive ancient furniture, weapons and hunting trophies from the 14th to the 19th century. Nothing gory. Discreet disclaimers by the tourist board to the effect that "there is no evidence whatever that Prince Vlad Tepes, or Vlad the Impaler, inhabited the castle' do nothing to discourage its notoriety as Dracula's reputed residence. Mythically, at least, this is where he

lived — and always will.

Erik Sandberg-Diment, who visits Eastern Europe frequently, wrote this

Gothic Escapades In South Bohemia

All of Cesky Krumlov Is a Stage

By Michael Ratcliffe

ESKY KRUMLOV, Czech Republic — The train south from Wilson Station in Prague last July took a leisurely two and half hours to reach Cesky Budejovice through rolling countryside and rusty, well-gardened stations scattered with poppies, cornflowers and yellow mul-

lein spikes.

Before World War I, this was the Emperor Franz Joseph Railway between Prague and Vienna; but for most of the last 50 years Southern Bohemia was contained on three sides by the Iron Curtain, and on the way to nowhere.

Little seems to have changed since the young hero of Bohumil Hrabal's novel "Closely Watched Trains" (1965) combined sexual opportunism in the stationmaster's office with blowing up Nazi weapons convoys near the end of World War II. Housing blocks and bad manners in certain hotels aside, there are few immediate signs that a

People's Republic has passed this way.

After Budejovice — the original Budweis, and still brewing — where we spent the night, the Vienna line strikes off imperially to the east. The next day my companion and I pottered 24 kilometers (15 miles) southwest to our main destination, Cesky Krumlov, at more or less jogging speed. This was always a branch line, even in 1914. Today it carries hikers and cyclists to the Sumava National Park, Lake Lipno and the Bavarian border. It also leads to a mischievous ballroom, a sleeping theater and a magical park.

One of the most seductive small towns in Europe, Krumlov lies on a deep, double S-bend of the Vltava River, as it leaves the Bohemian Forest and begins to flow north to Prague. Because the river turns three times within so small a space, there is a sequence of waterfronts to enjoy within a few minutes' walk of one another. Fam-

ilies paddle, raft, canoe and fish beneath the towering castle rock. Krumlov's layout is a miniature of Prague's, with the rulers high on one side of the stream and the community below them on the other. It was the favorite townscape of

the Austrian painter Egon Schiele (1890-1918), whose mother was born here. Schiele spent several summers in Krumlov before World War L He called it the Little City and Dead City, and if the shuffled planes of roofs, laundry, black waters and patchwork gardens seem

vaguely familiar as you gaze down on them from the castle, it may be because you have seen Schiele's work and are standing on a spot where he painted.

Not so much dead as feudally dozing, Krumlov deplored Schiele's superb, erotic draftsmanship and bohemian behavior while he was alive, and during the People's Republic he was not merely thought rude but foreign. Since 1989, however, amends have been made. With Czech, Austrian and American financing, a brewery by the river has been transformed into the Egon Schiele Center, a series of large, cool, dazzling white exhibition rooms, where last summer there was an exceptionally well-prepared show of Kokoschka's years in Vienna and Prague. Some original Schiele drawings are on permanent display, and there's a courtyard café, too.

VENING is the best time to enjoy the summer streets and lanes of Schiele's little city. Day-trippers have returned to Prague and Krumlov once more transforms itself into a sequence of outdoor theater sets. The houses are patterned in the Italianate sgraffito style. At first, this set out to imitate the stonework of the rich on the flat walls of the less well off; but here, the language of parallelograms, triangles and rhomboids is used with such exuberance and wit that no one could mistake it for the real thing.

There is no shortage of restaurants,

cafés and bars, but if you have been in the Czech Republic for more than a few days you will probably first need to know the way to a dumpling-free zone. I recommend Nonna Gina's, on the same side as the castle, and the café in the main square, next to the Town Hall -

While the streets below are intimate and convivial, the scale on the rock is gigantic. Rising through 40 buildings e courtyards and over a seven-level viaduct, Cesky Krumlov castle and park start with a red gate and a fat watchtower

Immersed in Prague. Page 13.

and end among dragonflies and waterlilies on an 18th-century pool. From gate to pool is a walk of a kilometer, passing back and forth through seven centuries of peace and war, aristocratio indulgence and defensive compulsion. Frescoed Renaissance facades float over the town at night; medieval walls look as if they were slapped together in some great panic against rumored invaders from the East.

Only three families have lived in Krumlov castle since the Middle Ages, Grand, smooth and wealthy public servants of the Court in Vienna, the Schwarzenbergs helped to defeat Napoleon, trained the young Franz Joseph in the business of good government and nine years ago shrewdly declined the return of the castle by the post-Communist state because it came with a repair clause. They still visit, though.

Before them came the Eggenbergs, who built the first theater, in the 1680s, and before them the Rozmberks, Easily the maddest, most intelligent and attractive of all the lords of Krumlov, the Rozmberks were so bewitched by



Renaissance magic with its promise of eternal youth and wealth that they tried to grow gold by planting coins in the garden.

Naturally, they went bust, and in 1602sold Krumlov to the Emperor Rudolf II. whose bastard son Don Julius Caesardismembered a mistress there and chased a young girl in a blue dress all over the castle until she leaped from a high window to a chaste death below.

A DELICIOUS BALLROOM The best things here are social and benign. The Schwarzenbergs rarely descended on Krumlov for more than two summer months a year, but they knew how to have a good time when they did. In 1748, they built one of the most delicious ballrooms in Europe, and 15 years later replaced the Eggenbergs' theater with a baroque playhouse so. underused that most of its sets, ma-

chinery, texts and costumes survive. You can see the masquerade ballroom. on one of two public fours around the: castle, though it would be better to catch. a concert there and explore in more detail Josef Lederer's marvelously funny fig-

ures all over the ceiling and walls. If Schiele had ever turned around, from his favorite painting spot on the castle terrace, he would have seen a. plain linden-wood door in a white wall. This is the entrance to the pale amber. and pastel blue-gray theater, and you pass through in the shock of having disturbed a long silence and stepped-across time. Much work has been done: but it is still too fragile for performances. or tourism on any scale. It is possible,: however, to book private group tours

I was taken around last summer because a foundation has been set up to complete the refurbishment and evenrual re-opening, and all interest is welcome. I was not disappointed. I saw how the prompters had tempered their boredom by scribbling inside the prompt box during the show; I learned how to raise and lower the footlights, revolve lan-

terns behind wings, turn day into night.
A great room behind the stage will house the new theater museum, including the restored costumes and props already on show in the old riding school. As the Emcee in "Cabaret" said, even the orchestra was beautiful. They may never have got to wear the pale apricots and citrus yellows used as shorthand for the exotic East, or the lover's jacket with little mirrors sewn into lace frames, or the sorcerer's enormous sash painted with cabalistic signs, but the musicians did wear rose linen jackets embroidered with silver thread. And who knows, maybe even the dancers got fed up wearing pistachio taffeta dance pumps for what was, after all, only summer stock in Krumlov.

Michael Ratcliffe, a former theater critic and the literary editor of The Observer in London, wrote this for The New York Times. .

A Big Letdown at a Seafood Cathedral

By Patricia Wells International Herald Tribune

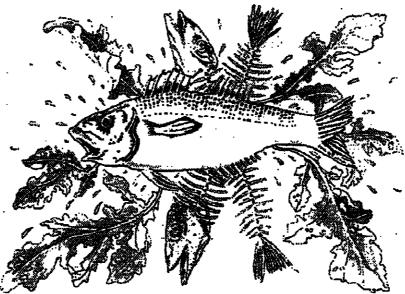
ARIS — Few things are more difficult to cook than fish and shellfish. They are delicate, fragile, frighteningly perishable, sometimes unpredictable and almost always expensive. Overcook a chicken or a lamb chop by a minute or more and usually no one will notice. Breach the limit on an expensive sea bass and you'll be wailing in despair.

I think one would have to be crazy to open a fish restaurant. Not only are you subject to the weather, to fishermen's whims, to skyrocketing prices, you also must be aware of the fact that you are dealing with a constantly limited resource. In France, add to the downside the nation's numerous holidays, when fishermen don't go out, as well as the threat of strikes that hinder transport.

All those reasons aside, fish and

shellfish are of course among the greatest of gastronomic pleasures. So we go ahead and buy and cook them and people will always go on finding reasons to open a fish and shellfish restaurant

Craving all of the above, I returned the other night to the grand Gournard Prunier off the Place de la Madeleine. with memories of sparkling fresh fish



that seemed to have jumped from the cool mouthful of fromage blanc sorbet I carried like a fine perfume that distinct. refreshing iodine aroma of the sea, of respectful preparations designed to flatter the fish and shellfish with a minimal amount of culinary fan-dancing.

Alas! From start to finish the meal was bland, boring and dull. From the oustines and sea bass all suffered from tiny slender fillets of sardines to the last similar problems. Where they should

Atlantic onto my plate, of shellfish that sat in depression. How could Jean-Claude Goumard, who has been able to capture two Michelin stars since he took over the historic fish restaurant in 1992. let his place slip to such depths.

What's worse, all the problems were ouite elementary. Sardines, squid, lang-

have glistened, shimmered, arriving tender but firm, each specimen suffered either from overcooking or from excessive handling. Langoustines encased in paper-thin

pastry and deep fried were flavorless and mushy when they should have sent one swooning with their richness, their scent of the sea breeze.

Encornets were encased in a batter so thick it destroyed the squid's fragility and flexibility, turning them into bands of rubber. The grilled loup, or sea bass, may have been perfect as it left the kitchen, but once placed on a blazing hot plate and sent upstairs the poor Mediterranean star arrived soggy, overcooked. The sole meunière suffered the same fate. Even the fine Chateau de Meursault 1992, mellow and just slightly nutty, did little to assuage my disappointment.

I guess I'd better return to the stove and depend on my own fish-cooking skills, for I won't be returning soon to Goumard Prunier.

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MOVIE GUIDE

SIX DAYS, SEVEN NIGHTS Directed by Ivan Reitman.

Deciding that escapist romance for the Treadmill Generation has to be a workout in its own right. Ivan Reitman's "Six Days, Seven Nights" puts its stars through the wringer. Not even in action bictures do muscles often matter the way they do here. Marooned on a breathtaking desert island. Anne Heche and Harrison Ford share both amorous stirrings and personal training, doing enough climbing, hauling and flexing to shame anybody (i.e., you there, loafing in the audience) who is merely killing time in the dark. Among the numerous homages in a film that yearns for little distractions is the "From Here to Eternity" surf kiss with a new twist: hiking boots. Heche and Ford make an appealing, wisecracking team, and they look comfortable with the rugged demands of their roles. She's the sophisticate, he's the rogue, and both display the -survival skills that matter more in Hollywood than in a tropical paradise. Heche makes it clear that she can play anybody's love interest radiantly and underscores that people seen flirting on screen are quite possibly acting. And Ford, in his role here, reaffirms that in his mid-50s he hasn't aged out of the romantic hero racket. "You still look good." Heche admits. "I still AM .good," he replies with an irresistible grin. The scenery (Kauai, Hawaii) is exotic and grand. And since there really 'isn't all that much to do here. Michael Browning's screenplay cooks up pirates who seem to have escaped from a theme park. Minus only par-.rots, peg legs and the skull and crossbones, they look un-

mains peculiarly prim. The Chantiers," the movie starts # AUSTRIA one sexual event that does slow and gathers speed. From occur here has practically nothing to do with the personalities involved, since the film does such an awkward job of linking romance to the provincial coming-of-age rest of life. There's an episode in which a snake swims ator for TV, has trouble findinto Heche's shorts and Ford has to save her, and that summer-camp escapade is as erotic an event as the film can muster. (Janet Maslin. NYT)

KANZO SENSEI

Directed by Shohei Imamura. Doctor Liver" is what they call Takagi sensei, a medical man in a small Inland Sea port during World War II. Convinced that fiver complaints are the major cause of death he selflessly goes about his sometimes perilous research. This includes digging up the body of the local projectionist so that he can get at the diseased organ, chasing a giant whale, perhaps after the oil, and witnessing the dropping of the atom bomb, in the enveloping cloud of which he, sure enough, detects a large, malignant liver. That's about all there is - an affectionate chronicle of small-town eccentricity and lame-brained dedication. One is reminded of Akira Kurosawa's last celebration of a headstrong sensei and one just as filled with jocular sentiment. Both

make films like this any-more. (Donald Richie, IHT) DIEU SEUL ME VOIT

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one station to the next, after years of clowning and creating characters together, the Podalydes sketch a nuanced story. Albert, a boom opering his direction in the city where he was born; he wakes

each day wondering what shirt to wear, gives every girl he meets the same present -a tea kettle - and despite towering incompetence, gets

what he wants. His friends forgive his foibles, and he is lucky in love, falling into the arms of a militant ecologist, scooped up on the motorcycle of a dashing police supervisor, and succumbing after much warranted hesitation - to a stunning intellectual (Jeanne Balibar), a new age Anais Nin in all her splendor and menace. The style may bear earmarks of Woody Allen and other modem treatments of belated adolescents in search of themselves, but the brothers have pulled off an original French comedy that is really funny.

JENSEITS DER STILLE Directed by Caroline Link.

(Joan Dupont, IHT)

Germany. In Caroline Link's film "Befilm. "Madadayo." also a yond Silence," the story of a gifted young musician and first-born child in a family where both parents were deaf becomes a powerful metaphor for the inevitable communiconsequences. They don't cation gap between children and parents in even the happiest of homes. The early scenes of this film (which was nominated for an Academy Award for best foreign pic-ture) show Lara (Tatjana Albert (Denis Podalydes) is a Trieb), the 8-year-old daughbefuddled young man, beset ter of Martin (Howie Seago) by indecision, prodded into and Kai (Emmanuelle Laborit), to be resourceful beyond any ordinary expectations. Wide-eyed and ingratiating, Lara is adept at two languages: German and sign language.

Her parents not only dote on her, they depend on her to help them negotiate many everyday transactions, including telephone calls, banking and even parent-teacher conferences. Precociously sophisticated in the ways of the world, 30 Years War: Goya (1746-1828) Lara is already a skillful diplomat. When translating into words the sign-language tantrums of her hot-tempered father, she tactfully softens their tone. Because of their dependence on her. Lara has an unusually strong bond with her parents. If the movie even-

tually turns to mush, its hard-

headed performances tug

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(Stephen Holden, NYT)

against the sentimentality.

chronicles the Napoleonic occupation of Spain, and Otto Dix (1891-1969) uses his expenences in World War I in hundreds of char-FRANCE

Continuing/ To July 27: "Max Ernst: Sculptures, Maisons et between the German artist's works

Kunsthalle Krems, tel: (0) 2732-82669, closed Mondays. To Sept. "Antoni Tapies: Paintings, Sculptures and Drawings, 1981-1997." More than 70 works dating from when the Catalan artist (born

20er Haus, tel: (1) 799-6900. closed Mondays. To Aug. 30: "Arte Povera From the Goetz Collection." In the mid-1960s, the Italian artists Merz. Pistoletto and Anselmo started using such materials as sand. stone and newspaper, and tried to promote a new concept for linking art and life. More than 150 install ations, sculptures, photographs and drawings are displayed.

BELGIUM

ANTWERP Hessenhuis, tel: (3) 206-0350. closed Mondays. To Oct. 11: "L'Art Non Conformiste d'Union Sovietique, 1956-1986." Following Stalin's death in 1953, noncon-formist, nonofficial artists were able to exhibit their works: Surrealism, Expressionism, photorealism and conceptual art flourished, even though Socialist Realuntil Gorbachev's glashost if vorks by Soviet artists.

BRITAIN

Uister Museum, tel: (01232) 383-000. open daily. Continuing/ To Sent 6: "The influence of Italy on Century." A small exhibition doc-umenting how Italy became a locus for artists from the Low Countries, and how Italian influence Flemish art: classical ruins, picturesque peasants, poetic scapes and lighting effects.

Tate Gallery, tel: (171) 887-8000. open daily. To Aug. 16: "Sophie Calle's The Birthday Ceremony." From the age of 40, Calle has held an annual birthday dinner party and displayed - and replaced her presents every year. The in-stallation compnses 14 cabinets. each containing the gifts of a single year, including works of art.

MANCHESTER Whitworth Art Gallery, tel: (161) 273-48-65, open daily. To Aug. 16: "Disasters of War." Shows the work of three artists separated by centuries but linked by the war theme: Jacques Callot (1592-1635) depicts the brutalities of the

Centre Georges Pompidou, tel: 01-44-59-29-70, closed Tuesdays.

and the places he lived, ever briefly, in Europe and America. The exhibition brings together 100 salibtures and 15 paintings. It will travel to Dusseldorf.

51-51, closed Tuesdays. To Sept. 21: "L'Apparence des Cleux: Astronomie et Astrologie en Terre d'Islam." Islamic objects relating to the exploration of the sky: celestial soheres astrolates manuscrints and miscellaneous items dating "Bassano and His Sons in French Museums." The four Bassano prothers, under the segis of their father, Jacopo Bassano (1510-1592), became sought-after artists whose works appeared in many a royal or princely collection. The exhibition brings together paintings. them from the collection of Louis

GERMANY

Wallraf-Richartz-Museum, tel: (221) 221-23-82, closed Mondays. To Aug. 30: "Die Welt als Grosse Sinfonie - Mikaloius Konstanti nas Ciudonis, 1875-1911." An exmanuscripts and photographs by the Lithuanian painter and com-

INDONESIA JAKARTA

Central Museum, tel; (21) 36-09-76. Founded in 1788, the museum houses an extensive collection of Indonesian artifacts, as well as Hindu-Javanese artworks. Han Tang and Ming porcelain, and an array of Chinese, Thai and Vietnamese ceramics.

ISRAEL

TEL AVIV 696-1297, open daily. To Aug. 31: "From Minimal to Conceptual An." From the collection of Dorothy and Herbert Vogel, a selection of 74 paper done in the spirit of Minconceptual art. Artists include Vito Acconci, Carl Andre, Mel Bochner, Christo, Eva Hesse, Chuck Close, Dan Graham, Donald Judd, Soi LeWitt. Richard Long, Robert Mangold and Brice Marden, among

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ITALY

Palazzo Corsini, tel: (55) 234-0742, open daily. To June 28: "Il Tiempo di Nabis, 1890-1940." Paintings, book illustrations and sculptures by Bonnard. Vuillard, Maurice Denis, Valiotion and Serusier who regrouped under the name "Nabis," (in Hebrew, the prophets) and favored the use of lat color areas. Palazzo Vecchio, tel: (55) 42-08-

65-51, closed Mondays, To Aug. 2: More than 120 works by the photographers of the renowned agency: Capa, Cartier-Bresson. losef Koudelka and Eve Amold.

Galleria Borghese, tel: (6) 32-81-01, closed Mondays. To Sept. 20: Bernini and the Birth of Baroque. Works by Gian Lorenzo Bernini

"Waves Breaking on the Shore ... Ad Dekkers in His Time." A show focused around the radical artist (1938-1974). Dekkers was developing a new visual language at the same time as Sol LeWitt and Donald Judd. His white reliefs with circles and lines inspired a number of artists. The exhibition places his work, and that of such contemporaries as Peter Struycken, Jan

PHILIPPINES

Museum of the Filipina People

President Fidel Ramos recently in-

augurated this museum, the first of

a three-building complex that will form the National Museum. The

inaugural exhibition documents

the sinking of the San Diego in the

China Sea in the 17th century and

displays a selection of objects brought back to the surface: Ming

white-and-blue porcelain items de

signed for export to Europe. Mex-

ican silver and European glass-

Spanish Pavilion at Expo '98. To

July 26: "Las Sociedades Ibericas

y el Mar a Finales del Siglo XVI.

Artists of the Ming and Qing Dy

nasties." A glimpse into the art of

Chen Hongshou. His works and those of other contemporary artists

attest to the creativity of classical

Guimet in Paris.

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Japanese artist (born 1951) substitutes himself to the main subject in photographs of actresses or of tamous paintings. The exhibition leatures 80 works. www.momak.go.jp tel: {2} 527-1215. To Oct. 31: "Treasures of the San Diego."

Mishima Taisha Museum of Art

New Otani Art Museum, tel: (3) ware, on loan from the Musee 3221-4111, closed Mondays. To July 5: "Prints by Henn de of the Japanese ukiyo-e wood-block prints on French art at the end of the 19th century and brings together color lithographs by Toulouse-Lautrec and lesser-More than 50 paintings, including portraits by Velasquez, El Greco known painters such as Henri Riviere (1864-1951), Theophileand Zurbaran, document Spain and Jules Cheret (1836-1932). at the end of the Renaissance, and their relationship with America.

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Max Ernst's bronze "Capricorne" at the Centre Georges Pompidou in Paris.

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(1598-1680). A sculptor and an architect. Bernini attracted the pat-ronage of Cardinal Scipione Pope Urban VIII,

JAPAN

Куото National Museum of Modern Art, tel: (75) 761-4111, closed Mon-days. To Aug. 2: "Yasumasa Mor-imura: Myself as a Painting." The

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Treasures, tel: (559) 75-01-72, open daily. To June 28: "Shibata Seshin: Masterpieces of Japanese Lacquer From the Khalili Collection." Approximately 70 works. ranging from writing boxes and sake cups to lacquer paintings, by the master lacquer maker Shibata Zeshin (1807-1891).

Tokyo Toulouse-Laurrec Riviere." Documents the influent

Tobacco and Salt Museum, tel: To July 5: "Indian Traditional Art." in this museum devoted to doc uments relating to smoking and

salt, including uktyo-e prints de-picting smoking, an exhibition of

NETHERLANDS

Stedeliik Museum, tel; (20) 5732-911, open daily. To Aug. 23: BARCELONA Fundacio Caixa de Catalunys, tel: (3) 484-5900, closed Mondays.

To Aug. 30: "Paul Delvaux." Works by the Belgian painter (1897-1994): While considered a Surrealist. Delvaux created his own poetic universe of railway stations, classical architecture, symmetrical Dibbets and Richard Long, in the gardens, female nudes and context of the rebellious 1960s. www.stedelijk.nl

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LAUSANNE Musee Cantonal des Beaux-Arts, tel: (21) 316-34-45. closed Mondays. To Nov. 8: "La Collection du Dr. Henri-Auguste Widmer, 1853-1939." A diversified collection that brings together works from the Ecole de Barbizon, Nabi paint mgs, paintings of the 1920s and 30s, 20th-century sculptures and

UNITED STATES

oriental and Egyptian items.

NEW YORK Museum of Modern Art. tel: (212) 708-9400, closed Wednesdays. To Oct. 13: "Bonnard." Nearly 100 paintings by the French painter (1867-1947) who reconfigured pictorial space to convey emotions. His work includes landscapes, still lites, interiors, the celebrated bathpaintings of his enigmatic wife and self-portraits.

www.moma.org Whitney Museum of American Art, tel: (212) 570-3676, closed Mondays and Tuesdays. To Aug. 30: "Unknown Terrain: The Landscapes of Andrew Wyeth." Adican painter (born 1917) in creating landscapes. The exhibition brings together more than 100 waterco ors, tempera and brush works.

CLOSING SOON

Monet bis Picasso." Bank Austria Kunstforum, Vienna. June 28: "Rene Magritte." d'Art Ancien, Brussels. June 28: "Mana Callas: Une Femme, Une Voix, Un Mythe.' Hotel de Ville, Paris.

June 28: "Matisse: La Collection du Centre Georges Pompidou." Musee des Beaux-Arts, Lyon. June 28: "Calum Colvin." Kawasaki City Museum, Kawasaki,

June 28: "Die Blaue Vier." Kunstsammlung Nordrhein-West-falen, Dusseldorf, June 28: "Picasso, 1917-1924." Palazzo Grassi, Venice. June 28: "Cristobal de Villalpando: Pintor Barroco Novohispano, 1649-1714." Real Academia de Bellas Artes de San Fernando,

June 28: "Cezanne, Picesso, Braque: Der Beginn des Ku-bitschen Stillebens." Kunstmus**eu**m, Basie June 26: "Framing the Asian Shore: Nineteenth-Century Photo-

graphs of the Ottoman Empire.' Getty Center, Los Angeles. June 29: "L'Art au Temps des Rois Maudits: Philippe Le Bel et Ses Fils. 1285-1328" and "Man Ray: La Photographie a l'Envers." Grand Palais, Paris. June 29: "Francesco Salviati ou la Bella Maniera."

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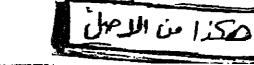
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Immerse ${ m Yourself}$ In Prague Filling Vacation With History

By Judith H. Dobrzynski

RAGUE — Outside the window, the sun was smiling on one of the world's most beautiful cities. It was early September in Prague, a warm and pleas-

New York Times Service

ant morning.
No doubt, Old Town Square was filled with tourists snapping pictures. The out-door cafés would be crowded with people sipping coffee, waiting for the Town Hall's 15th-century Astronomical Clock to reveal, every hour on the hour, a little tableau of a skeletal Death ringing a bell as 12 medieval carved apostles emerged from two windows.

But I was sitting in a third-floor room at Charles University, listening to Peter Griffin, a Cambridge-trained historian. Griffin, whose red sports jacket and paisley tie were cloaked in the black gown of a don, paced, stopping now and again to lean forward on the lectern. There were five separate crusades before 1431 sent to destroy the Taborites," he said.

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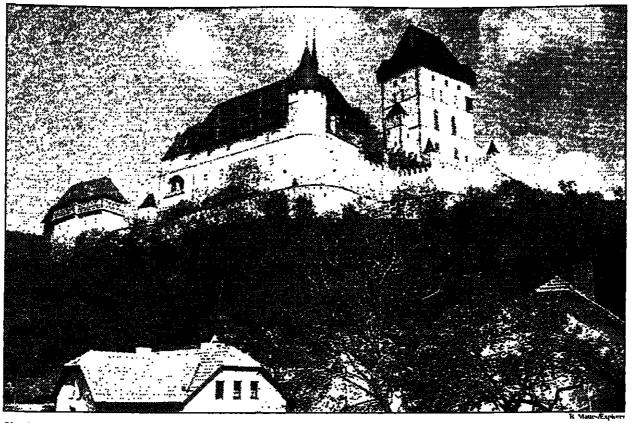
Oddly. I had no desire to escape the

classroom for the café.

Before I arrived in Prague for my weeklong University Vacations tour late last summer, I had never heard of the Taborites, and didn't seem to suffer for it. And just the day before, as I jogged along the Vltava River at dawn, I had been thinking about a break from the program. The day was gorgeous and suddenly the prospect of spending even part of the afternoon on a slow-motion bus tour, as the program promised, seemed depressing.

I wanted to walk through the city. hear its sounds, smell its aromas. I wanted to see the museums of the National Gallery and the spectacular library in the Strahov Monastery and many other things that were not on the agenda. Why had I signed up for this expensive excursion in group travel?

But before the second day of classes were over, I had changed my mind. Griffin is a compelling lecturer, with rich, if convoluted, material to plow through in a course called Prague: The Jewel of Bohemia. I realized that I could



Karlstejn Castle was built high on a cliff in the 14th century to house the Holy Roman Empire's crown jewels.

much of what I wanted to, my way. University Vacations schedules long lunches and breaks that I filled with walks and gallery visits. The Jewel of Bohemia tour promised an examination of Prague's golden age, which ran from the 14th century (under Charles IV, who in 1348 founded Charles University, the site of the program) to the early 18th

On Aug. 31, I arrived in Prague before 10 A.M. and took a taxi to the hotel where the group's participants were staying: the four-star Hotel Pariz, a heavily restored neo-Gothic and Art Nouveau ndmark built in 1907 in Old Town.

There were only nine participants in the program (18 to 24 was normal, I was told) and six of the nine were repeat University Vacationers.

Lectures began at 9:30 A.M. and ran until 10:30; followed by a break in Old Town Square, resuming from 11:15 to 12:30. At the end of each, we could ask questions — though we often saved them for dinner discussions. After lunch, there were walking tours or excursions (optional, like every other part of the program), followed by dinner.

MORNING TO NIGHT

There were some variations, but basically it was Prague in history in the morning, Prague in reality in the afternoon and Prague in discussion at dinner. The week was over in no time, long before the subject was exhausted.

Our high-ceilinged classroom, on the third floor of the Karolinum (the oldest probably participate fully and still see part of Charles University), was fur-

nished with stuffed leather chairs, a Ushaped conference table, a few 19thcentury portraits and a gilded chandelier. Just after our first break, Jan Havranek, a professor of modern Czech history, arrived to lead us through the 14th-century main hall and the vault room, where the university stores its scepters, academic gowns and other symbols of power.

Soon we were in the archives — rare for nonscholars — treated to a look at medieval religious books and manuscripts, faculty and graduate rolls and dissertations dating from the 15th century. We also examined the 1402 document appointing Jan Hus custodian of Bethlehem chapel. From its pulpit, Hus launched a revolution that challenged the Bohemian church-state hierarchy, helped define the future Czech nation and foreshadowed by a century the Protestant Reformation.

Before Jan Hus, though, there was Charles IV and the Black Death, which in the 14th century wiped out at least two-thirds of Bohemia's population in 18 months, setting the stage for Charles IV to rejuvenate the church, sponsor German immigration into Bohemia and revamp the social structure.

For the popular Charles, the feudal system worked. But his heirs were eak, Griffin explained. People rebelled, and Bohemia bounced for hundreds of years among the Hussites (who had a more radical wing, the Taborites), the Habsburgs, homegrown rulers and kings of Poland and Sweden, with religious and political infighting galore.

Martin Luther, St. Augustine, St. Thomas Aquinas, John Wycliffe, Frederick the Wise, John Calvin and Henry VIII were among the many who made appearances in Griffin's lectures. Indeed, by the middle of the program, the drama was so laden with names and

Friday's excursion to Karlstejn Castle, about 20 miles outside Prague, was a delight. Our bus wended its way up and down through wheatfields and orchards, past little villages of houses with red-tile roofs.

dates that it was very hard to follow.

Karlstejn, built high on a cliff in the 14th century to house the Holy Roman Empire's crown jewels, is on five levels. was designed on the theory that attackers would never get to the Chapel of the Holy Cross at the top, where the jewels were.

Though Swedish troops got close in the 16th century, they didn't succeed. Today, most tourists don't have access to the gilt and jewel-encrusted murals of the chapel, either - but we were an exception. In contrast with the stripped royal staterooms and bedrooms below the chapel was a shining jewel box.

ONTHS later, do I recall much Czech history? In all honesty, no. The lectures went far deeper into politics than I would have chosen, with little on art, music and culture of the age.

And yet, I remember a very pleasant time in Prague, entailing much more mind-stretching than any lazy, oh-so-common beach trip could possibly

Jamaica Gets Tough Crackdown on Tourist Hassling

By Edwin McDowell New York Times Service

ONTEGO BAY, Jamaica - More than a million tourists have visited Jamaica in each of the past 10 years, and last year's visitor count soared to 1.9 million. Much of that increase can be attributed to the growing number of cruise ship passengers, including 700,000 in 1997.

But Jamaica's tourism officials fear the recent pervasive harassment of visitors, which Prime Minister Percival Patterson called the biggest problem facing the island's tourist industry, could put an end to a profitable source of income.

To forestall that possibility, Jamaica increased fines last month by a whopping 100-fold on those who harass tourists. Penalties for first-time offenders who badger tourists to buy or barter for drugs, sex and merchandise were raised to about \$2,700 from \$27, while fines for repeat offenders were raised to about \$4,100 from \$41.

Jamaica also established night courts, making it possible for law enforcement officers to appear in court without having to abandon their beats.

'it's a little too early to say how well the fines are working, but we know we have a problem and we are determined to deal with it," said Stephanie Belcher, director of Tourism Product Development Co., an arm of the government,

That observation was seconded by Karen Ford-Warner, director of the office of the prime minister for tourism, who is nevertheless pleased by early anecdotal evidence. "One cruise director told us he had already seen a remarkable transformation in the streets," she said.

The recent crackdown follows a number of promised actions that were either quickly abandoned or whose fines were negligible and thus ineffectual. Now the stakes are higher than ever.

Tourism is by far Jamaica's biggest and most important industry, accounting for 45 percent of its \$595.1 million foreign exchange, for 13.7 percent of its \$6.2 billion gross domestic product and for one in every four jobs. Those per-centages are among the highest in the Caribbean, a region that in turn is among the most heavily dependent on tourism in the world.

Beyond that, Caribbean islands are increasingly competing with Florida, Mexico and other warm-weather destinations for North American tourists, who make up most of their visitors, including about 60 percent in the case of Jamaica

To add to Jamaica's woes, Canadian and European tourists have recently discovered Cuba, whose desperation for dollars has resulted in lower-priced vacation packages.

Both the recent crackdown and the harassment that led to it have been building for some time. After the winter season of 1996-97 four cruise lines threatened to pull out of Montego Bay because of it, and Celebrity Cruises' Mercury did leave at the end of last year, substituting the Mexican port of Calica

in the Yucatan peninsula. But Celebrity's Century still stops at Ocho Rios every two weeks, as do other ships. Carnival Cruise Line ships continue to call at Montego Bay and Ocho Rios. "We have gotten complaints about harassment," said Jennifer de la Cruz, a Carnival spokeswoman, "but not enough to negate our passengers' positive ex-periences by calling at Jamaica."

But even Tourism Product Development Co. reported that 56 percent of those who responded to a visitor satisfaction survey last year said they were hassled to buy drugs, followed, badgered for sex or pushed into taxis - not just at the docks, but elsewhere, especially in shopping areas. Last summer, anti-harassment teams arrested many pimps, illegal taxi drivers and touts at the airports in Montego Bay and Kingston.

WARNING OF COLLAPSE

That sweep followed by a month the warning from the prime minister that people are going to refuse to come to Jamaica, resulting in a virtual collapse of the tourism industry because of harassment." He added that no matter how enjoyable the beaches, the views or the music, if visitors are constantly harassed, they simply will not return. While most Jamaicans are hospitable, he said, the "miscreants" had to be dealt with decisively, including with stiff fines. One reason the higher fines were not

levied before last month is that the problem was widely thought to be a consequence of unemployment, a result of Jamaica's declining sugar and banana industries. Unemployment is still high but the risk of driving away tourists is now regarded as worse than the risks in cracking down.

At the same time, though, the govemment plans to invest about \$1 million to establish craft villages in the major resort towns of Montego Bay. Ocho Rios, Negril and Port Antonio, and to provide training in tourism-related job skills.

Belcher of Tourism Product Development, for one, has no illusions that expenditures for craft villages and for teaching job skills are a complete answer. "You do have some hardened criminals who have no desire to hold jobs," she said, "but that's why we also increased the fines.'

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Matchmaker Of Telecoms: The Internet

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By Saul Hansell New York Times Service

NEW YORK - A telephone giant grees to acquire the cable company Tele-Communications Inc. in a bold move that promises to redefine the communications landscape. Sound familiar?

It should. Nearly five years ago, another big phone company, Bell Atlantic, struck a merger agreement with the same cable giant. But that deal, which soon unraveled, was based on the vague plan of morphing telephone and cable networks into an "information highway" with 500 channels of interactive television - something no one could be certain consumers even wanted.

So what is different that prompted AT&T Corp. to offer \$48 billion on Wednesday to buy TCI? The Internet.

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By agreeing to merge, AT&T and TCI are not so much gambling on a vague vision of the future but betting they can help satisfy the proven public demand for high-speed connections to the global Internet.

Indeed, the Internet and its multimedia World Wide Web have ANALYSIS become that vaunted information highway — and the main vehicle for driving it is not a television set but an increasingly TV-like com-

These days, tens of millions of households are regularly surfing the Web to download text, images, sound and video clips and to chat on America Online or other Internet access services.

So important has the Internet become to so many people's lives, in fact, that the average amount of time Americans spent watching television declined for the first time last year since television's invention. And for the first time, more messages were sent via electronic mail than through the post office.

'Nobody wanted 500 channels," said Eric Paulak, a telecommunications analyst for the Gartner Group. "Today, what people do want is Internet access."

Rather than chasing an elusive vision, then, AT&T and TCI are scrambling to keep pace in a race to use phone networks, cable networks and other means to provide consumers and businesses with connections to the Internet. The race involves not only other cable titans like Time Warner and ambitious phone companies like MCI and Worldcom, which are also merging, but also com-petitors like America Online that were

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STRATEGY HUDDLE - The Russian oil minister, Sergei Generalov, left, conferring with members of his delegation at the Vienna talks of OPEC, which made an effort to cut output and thereby spur prices. Page 17.

Rapid U.S. Growth **Soars Past Estimates**

Rise in Inventories Paces First Quarter Gains

WASHINGTON - The U.S. econ-

omy grew much more quickly than originally expected during the first three months of this year, with businesses and consumers increasing spending at a rap-

That placed the quarter among just a handful of three-month periods with such rapid growth during the past 15 years.

The gross domestic product, the total output of goods and services, rose at a revised 5.4 percent annual rate, the Commerce Department said Thursday. The first quarter's gain was the strongest since a 6 percent increase in the second quarter of 1996 and exceeded the previous estimate of a 4.8 percent gain. Before the report Thursday, analysts expected a 5.0 percent increase.

But much of the latest growth spurt came from a buildup in business inventories, which already is slowing growth in the current quarter. Also, a separate report issued Thursday from the Labor Department shows a surge in unemployment reflecting a strike against General Motors.

First-time applications for unem-

ployment benefits jumped by 34,000 last week to 364,000, the highest level in. nearly a year.

Many of the new claims came in Michigan, Wisconsin, Indiana, New-York and Ohio, states where GM op-

Economic growth in the first quarter of this year initially was estimated at a very robust 4.2 percent rate. The estimate was raised to 4.8 percent a month. ago before being lifted again on Thurs-

The department partly attributed thelatest revision to the fact that the nation's trade deficit, hurt by Asian financial turmoil, did not deteriorate as much as first thought. Exports fell at a 1.2 percent rate instead of a 3 percent rate and imports increased at a 17.1 percent rate. instead of a 17.7 percent rate.
In addition, the stockpile of unsold,

goods in inventory increased by a record-105.7 billion, considerably more than first estimated. Among the factors in the. revision was an increase in the stock of unsold used cars.

Without the huge addition to inventories, total economic output in the first quarter would have grown at a 3.7 percent annual rate, still a respectable but not an exceptional rate.

Meanwhile, businesses have cut orders to factories for new goods as they attempt to reduce their stock of unsold products.

As a result of the inventory overhang and worsening Asia-related trade problems, many economists believe growth in the second quarter has moderated to less than a 3 percent annual rate.

In the first quarter, growth was driven by consumer spending, up at a 6 percent annual rate, the most in six years; business investment in new equipment, up at a 26.4 percent rate, the best in more than 14 years, and housing construction, up at a 16.9 percent rate, the most in nearly two years.

The first-quarter growth was accomplished with minimal inflation. A price gauge tied to the gross domestic product advanced at a 1.2 percent rate. That's up from an initial estimate of 0.9 percent but still the best in 35 years. However, corporate inability to raise prices in the face of foreign competition is causing a

European Court Overturns State Aid to Air France

its next move.

By Barry James

BRUSSELS — The European Court on Wednesday threw out a 1994 decision by the European Commission that authorized the French government to pay 20 billion francs (\$3.09 billion) to bail out the state-owned airline Air France SA over a three-year period.

Competitors of Air France that had challenged the decision and taken the case to court welcomed the ruling and said they were studying its implications.

The ruling "sends a clear message to every state airline in Europe that the future lies in private hands and not in the pocket of the taxpayer," said British Airways PLC, one of the seven airlines that were plaintiffs, including KLM Royal Dutch Airlines NV and Scandinavian Airlines System.

The case questioned the grounds on which the commission, the executive body of the European Union, had authorized the rescue of Air France.

Air France said it would not hand back the funds, which it used to modernize its fleet and reduce its debt burden.

regulating major cross-border mergers and government bailouts. It authorized the subsidies for Air France in exchange for significant concessions, including giving up slots at Orly airport near Paris to rival companies such as Air Liberte, a

British Airways subsidiary. During a recent strike by pilots at Air France, the management made it clear that there would be no further subsidies and said the airline would finance a 40 billion franc expansion plan out of its own resources. As part of the plan, it insisted that pilots forego up to 15 percent of their salaries in exchange for stock when 20 percent of the company is floated on the stock exchange later this

The court said the commission had failed to adequately examine the impact the subsidies would have on carriers outside Europe and on small airlines.

Air France said the court had attacked the form, not the substance of the ruling. The commission had two months to decide whether to resubmit its original ruling in favor of the bailout, taking into account the objections raised by the

The commission is responsible for gulating major cross-border mergers peal at a higher level of the court. The commission has two months to decide

> Even if the verdict proves not applicable to Air France, as the carrier claims, airline industry sources said it could create an obstacle for other carriers seeking state aid, such as Iberia Lineas Aereas de Espana SA or Olympic Airways of Greece.

> The French Finance Ministry said it was unlikely the case would interfere with the partial privatization of Air France. A spokesman said the ministry would cooperate with the commission in preparing a new brief.

Air France denies that the subsidies were anti-competitive because it had to agree not to increase capacity beyond market growth and give up assets, in- tions that it had originally agreed in cluding the Meridien hotel chain. The return for aid subsidies.

airline argues that it has not substantially enlarged the size of its fleet, because even though it acquired 17 new planes, it sold more than 30. The commission has several times

authorized limited state aid to enable

airlines to adjust to Europe's dereg-ulated aviation sector. Air France says British Airways got massive relief in the form of debt write-offs when the government of Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher privatized the carrier. The commission said the court's judgment had no bearing on its policy

regarding state aid and would not affect other decisions in the aviation sector. This month it also authorized a further capital increase for Alitalia SpA. The commission also said that Air France had complied with the condi-

profit squeeze. (AP, Bloomberg)

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Global Consumers: Birds of a Feather

By Stuart Elliott New York Times Service

NEW YORK - A venerable research company is offering additional evidence that consumers around the world are more similar than different, sharing attitudes and behavior that advertisers and agencies may study to create more effective sales pitches.

The company, Roper Starch Worldwide in New York, interviewed 35,000 consumers in 35 countries to identify shared values that cross national borders. The results of the study, "Global Consumer Hot Buttons," were presented Thursday at a conference here marking the 75th anniversary of Roper

The study is indicative of concerted efforts to broaden consumer research beyond traditional considerations, be they demographic, psychographic or

geographic.
We are increasingly taking a more global view to consumer understanding. strategic planning and business man-agement," said Larry Mock, vice president for market research worldwide at Procter & Gamble Co. in Cincinnati, who was scheduled to speak at the con-

ference. Examining consumers "at deeper,

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more emotional levels has allowed us to accelerate the rate at which we roll out our new product initiatives worldwide," he added.

Martha Farnsworth Riche, a consultant who until January was director of the U.S. Census Bureau, said certain factors once deemed crucial to understanding

Consumers around the . world share attitudes and behavior that advertisers may study to create more effective sales pitches.

consumer behavior, particularly over-

seas, had become less important. "People aren't all that different," said Ms. Riche. "Their tastes are very similar. That's why it's worth Whirlpool's while to figure out what size refrigerators to make to sell in Korea." You've got to make sure that you

don't use the taboo color, for instance," she added, "but the cultural stuff is just a wrinkle. The purpose of the study, said Tom Miller, group senior vice president and director for international operations at

dicting consumer trends around the world." Mr. Miller offered a preview of the findings in an interview.

We're looking for the bedrock values, the fundamental, stable things in people's lives that determine who they are," Mr. Miller said, "to understand the underlying motivations that drive their attitudes as well as their beha-

The study, which covered countries in Asia, Europe and North and South America, found "six distinct global value groups — belief systems that define consumers long term," Mr. Miller said. Roper Starch has given the ,six categories catchy names that are

meant to be remembered. Here is a look at the groups, as de-

scribed in the study: Strivers: The largest group, 23 per-cent of the world's adult population. holds "material things extremely important," Mr. Miller said, valuing wealth, status, ambition and power and products like computers and cel-Iular telephones

Strivers are "middle-aged, more

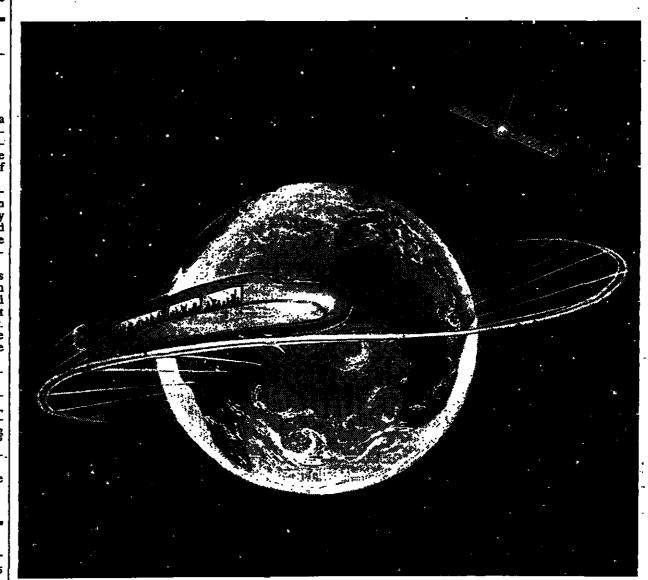
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Very briefly:

• The Watergate Hotel in Washington, part of the exclusive and historic Watergate complex, was sold to the Blackstone Group, an investment house. Nikko Securities Inc. is expected to complete the sale of the hotel, where rooms rent for an average of \$206 a night, in the next 60 days. The terms of the transaction were not disclosed.

 3Com Corp. shares surged as much as 21 percent after the No. 2 computer networking company reported higher fiscal fourthquarter profit and said it would buy back as many as 10 million shares. 3Com shares have lost more than half their value in the past year amid fierce competition from No. I networking equipment maker Cisco Systems Inc. 3Com has cut costs and inventory and introduced new products to get back on track.

• Coca-Cola Co. said it expected second-quarter case sales to rise 9 percent to 10 percent, as the world's largest beverage company benefits from surprisingly strong demand in Asia

 Nearly 40 percent of workers in their 30s were unemployed at least once between 1991 and 1995, with high school dropouts twice as likely as college graduates to have a jobless spell, according to a U.S. Labor Department report.

• Corel Corp. announced it would cut 530 jobs from its computer division in Utah over the next two months. The struggling software company, which is based in Ottawa, said it expected to save about \$33 million annually by making the cuts. Corel lost \$231.7 million in 1997, the worst year yet for the company as it tried to go head-to-head with its No. 1 competitor, Microsoft Corp.

 Halliburton Co. said stockholders at a special meeting held in Dallas approved issuance of common stock as proposed in the company's merger plan with Dresser Industries Inc. Separately, Dresser said its shareholders also approved the proposed merger agreement.

• Banco Bilbao Vizcaya SA of Spain said it would pay "more than" \$125 million for a 7 percent stake in the Brazilian unit ing the strike except those related to of Telefonica SA.

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Tech Downturn Sours Blue-Chip Bull Run

Compiled by Our Staff From Despatches NEW YORK - U.S. stocks were mixed on Thursday as declines in Intel and Microsoft offset optimism that good news on corporate profits is at hand now that the string of warnings about secondquarter disappointments is almost

Investors overreacted to concerns about slowing Asian economies by pushing stocks down too far, and then became too optimistic in recent days, said Robert Froehlich, chief investment strategist at Zurich Kemper Investments Inc.

"We're getting back to sort of a middle ground," Mr. Froehlich said. "I don't think we're having any sort of strong rally supported by the fundamentals" of earnings growth and low interest rates. A true rally will come in early July, when

DETROIT - General Motors

lines and permanently close some

North American plants, hinting that

an escalating fight with the United

the fate of marginal operations

Two parts-plants strikes by the

UAW in Flint, Michigan, have

forced the company to shut down 95 percent of its North American ve-

hicle production and idle 146,400 hourly workers, 45 percent of its

North American total. The walkouts, now in their 21st day, will

cost the world's largest automaker

up to \$1 billion in second-quarter

ees, Donald Hackworth, GM's top

manufacturing executive, said the

company was evaluating all its

products. Analysts say the message

is both a threat to the union and an

indication that the strike may be

pushing GM to make some hard de-

cisions that it had been putting off.

plans and closing less efficient plants

could all be part of the package" if

the strike runs through the summer,

consultant with CSM Forecasting.

close at \$67.6875.

said Mike Robinet, an auto industry

GM shares fell 12.50 cents to

A GM spokesman denied a Wall

Street Journal report that the com-

pany plans to close all North Amer-

ican manufacturing operations dur-

the launch of the company's new

"Cutting vehicle development

In a recorded message to employ-

profits, analysts estimate.

sooner rather than later,

Corp. said Thursday it may drop car Holmes, the GM spokesman. He did

roll in, he said.

The Dow Jones industrial average closed 11.71 points higher at

8,935.58, paring a 101.14-point U.S. STOCKS

gain early in the session that took the average over 9,000 for the first time since June 10. The Standard & Poor's 500 Index fell 3.53 to 1,129.35, after breaking

The Nasdaq composite index fell 14.48 to 1,863.28, sliding from an early gain that had lifted it 16.95

a two-month-old record on Wed-

Microsoft, which rose 23 percent in the last two weeks, was down 3% at 101 9/16, led the decline on the Nasdaq. The raily ran out of steam

Embattled GM May Drop Car Lines

"That's not the case," said Gerald

Auto Workers is forcing it to decide The memo also said the company plant, in Lordstown, Ohio. The the fate of marginal operations would shut down more equipment automaker already had been

would shut down more equipment

than usual next week, when it begins

In a regular update on the strike,

GM said it had not closed any ad-

ditional plants or laid off any more

employees since its last update on

Wednesday. It continued to operate

its Saturn plant in Spring Hill, Ten-nessee, a truck plant in Ontario and a

House of Representatives will con-

ternational Monetary Fund up to

\$18 billion, with the actual amount

dependent on what reforms the IMF

Mr. Gingrich said the House

cess. While the Senate has approved legislation giving the IMF \$18 bil-

lion, the funding request faces wide-

spread opposition in the House.

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small car plant in Mexico.

its annual two-week shutdown.

say that GM executives sent a memo follows GM's decision, disclosed in

to employees urging them to cut internal documents, to consider

"nonessential" costs by 50 percent. closing its largest North American

Cutting expenses "will help us the Flint strikes are settled. On Wed-

essing and prioritizing," said Mr. alleging that the strikes are illegal.

WASHINGTON — The U.S. form of and funding for the IMF," ouse of Representatives will conhe said. "We think that it's very,

sider legislation to provide the In- very important that we have legit-

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would take up the IMF funding issue reforms he would seek at the

after it returned from its July 4 re- agency, or what funds would be tied

"We want to work together to heightened congressional concern.

protect product programs that we are nesday GM said it filed a grievance

House to Weigh IMF Funding Plans

where people say this is too much second half. too soon," said Larry Wachtel, a stock market analyst for Prudential

The second secon

mous move in the big-cap stocks." June 15, and since then the index has the U.S. economy humming along. rebounded to a 19 percent gain for investors are more optimistic.

32 after beating earnings estimates and announcing a stock buyback. Coca-Cola, the world's largest beverage company, rose ¾ to 84% after it said it gave bullish estimates nouncing a \$48 billion purchase of about sales in the second quarter.

Intel was off 1% at 75%. The company did not warn of a profit shortfall, but investors said they are reluctant to bid the shares higher without assurance that the glut of

Hackworth, a GM vice president.

evaluating all company programs

mulling the elimination of several

continued to heat up, further sug-

gesting that a settlement was not in

sight. The union has provided "no

constructive feedback," Mr. Hack-

The union early this week

threatened additional strikes once

reach bipartisan agreement on re-

imate oversight and legitimate

checks on exactly what the IMF is

doing, where it's been successful

more problems than it's helped."

to reforms, "I have no number I'm wedded to right now," he said.

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Mr. Gingrich did say that eco-

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Mr. Hackworth's statement on

second-quarter earnings begin to because "there reaches a point personal computers will ease in the

Companies from Boeing to Minnesota Mining & Manufacturing Securities Inc. "We've had an enor- have warned Asia's slowdown would burt profits this quarter. Now. The Nasdaq's 22 percent gain in with most of the bad news about the April dwindled to 9.3 percent on second quarter out of the way and

"As earnings increase, so does 3Com led gainers, surging 41/2 to stock appreciation," said Richard 2 after beating earnings estimates Fentin, manager of the Fidelity Value Fund

AT&T fell for a second day, losing 1 5/16 to 58 11/16, after an-Tele-Communications Inc. that will hurt earnings for three years.

The benchmark 30-year bond inched up 1/32, nudging its yield down I basis point to 5.65 percent. (Bloomberg, AP)

Saks Is Shopping For New Owner

NEW YORK — Saks Holdings Inc. said Thursday it had hired Goldman, Sachs & Co. and Merrill Lynch & Co. to find a buyer for the luxury department-store chain, as the maiority owner. Investoorp International, moved to shed its investment after a disappointing eight years.

Investcorp bought the operator of the Saks Fifth Avenue chain in 1990 for \$1.6 billion and took it public six years later at \$25 a share. Saks's shares traded below the original offering price as recently as Wednesday, and have risea just 8.2 percent in the past year, lan-guishing behind the 40 percent gain in Standard & Poor's department store index.

Saks shares closed \$2.75 higher at \$27.5625 Thursday. High debt, declining inventory turnover and an expensive plan to expand left investors wary of Saks's growth prospects. Instead, they turned to other U.S. retailers that were able to boost sales and profits from a strong economy characterized by record unemployment, low inflation and high consumer confidence.

The strong economy is Investcorp's opportunity to make a quick sale, having failed to profit from its investment as it did with Tiffany & Co. and Gucci Group, investors say.

Yen Drops Amid Fears Of Inaction

NEW YORK - The dollar rose against the yen Thursday for a fourth day amid expectations that Japan would not act soon to pull its economy out of recession or effectively address its bad-debt troubles.

The Japanese government plans to announce measures to resolve the banking crisis by July 8, though many analysts are skeptical it will deliver.

'There are still big questions about Japan," said Lisa Finstrom,

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currency analyst at Salomon Smith Barney. 'People still see a weak Japan and want to sell the yen.'

In New York at 4 P.M, the dollar was quoted at 142.200 yen, after 141.225 yen Wednesday. Last week, Tokyo and Washington bought the Japanese currency when the dollar rose to 142 yen.

But in spite of rumors in the market that the Federal Reserve was again in the market Thursday. traders at several major U.S. banks said there had been no evidence of intervention.

"The market is nervous as we approach the levels where the Fed intervened last week," said Marc Chandler, senior currency strategist at Deutsche Bank Securities Inc.

The dollar will probably get a lift next week, traders say, after the Bank of Japan releases its quarterly tankan survey Monday. The main sentiment index of the closelywatched report is expected to show that business managers are becoming more pessimistic about economic prospects.

The dollar fell against the Deutsche mark Thursday on expectations the International Monetary Fund would soon approve a loan that would ease the financial crisis in Russia, a country with strong economic and financial ties to Germany. It fell to 1.7985 DM from 1.8030 DM.

Germany is Russia's largest trading partner and creditor, so signs "the Russian situation has calmed weighs heavily on dollar-mark," said Susan Steams, a director of foreign exchange at Bank of Montreal.

The dollar was higher at 1.5160 Swiss francs after 1.5086 francs. It fell to 6.0280 French francs from 6.0465 francs. The pound rose to \$1.6718 from \$1.6683.

(Bloomherg, Market News)

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Deutsche Telekom Enters Japan Market

It Will Offer Cheaper International Rates

AG, Europe's largest phone company, said Thursday it would begin selling international phone service cent of Japan's 500 billion yen (\$3.5 in Japan on Wednesday, undercutting the former monopoly Kokusai country's strategic importance -Denshin Denwa Co., as it extends its not potential sales — is the real lure

Germany's dominant phone company plans to compete for business customers against KDD, which until last year controlled Japan's international long-distance market, by

Pakhoed Ends Bid for Rival

ROTTERDAM — Royal Pakhoed NV said it canceled plans to buy Royal Van Ommeren NV and create the world's largest oil- and chemnearly twice the cuts in oil-storage capacity the companies had offered.

Calling off the 1.35 billion guilder (\$664.9 million) stock swap it owns 10.4 percent of Isla Comagreement sent both companies' shares plunging, with Pakhoed closing 6.7 percent lower, at 70 guilders sian mobile phone network operator and Van Ommeren sinking 6 per- PT Satelindo, and its Global One cent, to 85.6 guilders.

with the cuts, would have consol- across Asia. idated oil and chemical services in Rotterdam. EU regulators, though, were concerned about the merged company's high market share in both storage capacity and barge transport, according to a spokesman for the European Commission. "It's a complete surprise for the market and it is definitely a pity that it won't go," said Dick de Haan, analyst at Gestion NV in Amsterdam.

wanted the companies to give up an minute between Japan and the additional 500,000 cubic meters of oil-storage capacity in Rotterdam, about 7 percent of the combination's total storage capacity at the port. services to 43 countries. companies' offer to give up about Telekom would cut its rates if nec-480,000 cubic meters of oil storage. That would have been on top of the

TOKYO — Deutsche Telekom tional phone lines.

Though Deutsche Telekom said it hoped to capture eventually 10 perbillion) market, analysis say the

for selling phone service in Japan. "As a provider of global services, it's an absolute must for Telekom to be in all of the important industrial centers of the world, and that in-cludes Japan," said Roland Pitz, an analyst at Bayerische Hypotheken-und Wechsel-Bank AG in Munich. "Until now, Japan for the most part has been missing."

The move comes after Japan, starting in December, allowed phone companies to provide overseas phone service by connecting domestic telephone lines with international leased lines, giving Deutsche Telekom the chance to expand its extensive reach in Asia.

With more Asian exposure than icals-shipping company after Euro- any other European phone compean Union regulators demanded pany, Deutsche Telekom is active in nearly twice the cuts in oil-storage Malaysia, where it holds a stake in Technology Resources Industries Bhd., and in the Philippines, where munications Inc.

It also owns part of the Indonephone venture with France Telecom The merger, which Van Ommeren said it considered worthwhile even said it considered worthwhile even service to multinational companies

> Competing with KDD's strong brand recognition, however, will not be easy, Deutsche Telekom's Japanese unit acknowledged.

> "KDD has laid a thick wall between us and customers," said Masaaki Morita, sales manager at Deutsche Telekom K.K. "We will have to come up with various ways

The Deutsche Telekom unit will Pakhoed said it canceled the target corporate clients in Japan, takeover because EU. regulators charging 67 yen (48 U.S. cents) per United States -- lower than KDD's corporate discount rate of 74 yen.

The German company will offer Mr. Morita said Deutsche

İtaly Jobless Rate **Climbs to 12.5%**

Bloomberg News

ROME - Italy's unemployment rate unexpectedly rose to 12.5 percent in April, its highest rate in a year, as an increase in the number of job-seekers in the poorer southern regions offset declines in the rest of country.

The April jobless rate rose to 23.1 percent in southern Italy, while unemployment fell in the prosperous northern regions, where it stands at less than onethird of that in the south, the Italian statistics office Istat

Nationally, the rate rose from 12.2 percent in January and was unchanged from a year earlier.

April's rise in the number out of work is a setback for the government, which has staked its most recent policies - including a controversial reduction of the workweek -- on creating jobs. The figures come as little surprise to corporate executives, who say they are balking at taking on more workers because of high taxes and labor laws they consider onerous.

The report, which came as the government reported a 0.1 percent contraction in the economy, followed a prediction by Prime Minister Romano Prodi in early June that Italy would announce "really good" jobless figures in a few weeks.

Valeo Deal Wipes Out **Car-Parts Competitors**

said Thursday it would buy a carparts unit of ITT Industries Inc. of the United States for \$1.7 billion in SA, which owns 20.2 percent of the cash, making the French car-parts company, will buy enough new maker No. 1 in the world in wind-shares, about 2.2 million, to mainshield wipers.

makes windshield wipers, ventilaand had sales of \$1.9 billion in opportunity if it comes up.

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Carmakers, who are increasingly subcontracting for parts they used to make themselves, are forcing a reshuffling of the car-parts industry as they drive margins down with their demands for lower costs. In the United States, TRW Inc., Allied-Signal Inc., Rockwell International Corp. and Cooper Industries Inc. could also be putting businesses on

the block, analysts say. 'It fits with Valeo's strategy of making a big purchase of a company with a strong U.S. presence, "said Olivier Pouteau, analyst at brokerage CPR Finance. "This seems to be at the top end of price range."

Valeo said it would finance twothirds of the purchase through the sale of new shares and the rest through debt. At the Wednesday cent last year.

share price of 607 francs, that means PARIS - Valeo SA of France creating 11.2 million new shares, an increase of 16 percent. Cie. Generale d'Industrie et de Participations tain the level of its stake.

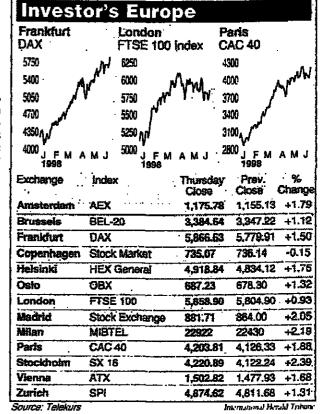
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The Auburn Hills, Michigan-based unit, Electrical Systems, chairman, said the company had S billion francs (\$833 million) in cash tion systems and switches. It has 12 at its disposal for acquisitions. He factories in Europe and North said at a press conference on Thurs-America with 13,300 employees day that Valeo might seize another

> pended Thursday morning, fell as much as 5.3 percent after they resumed trading in the afternoon before rallying to close at 618 francs, up from 607 francs Wednesday. Shares in ITT Industries rose 5.5 percent to 35 15/16 in New York.

Valeo, which makes clutches, lighting, electronics and cooling systems, said the purchase means that it will now get 28 percent of its sales from North America, up from 14 percent.

It doubles the sales of its electronic-parts division, not only making it No. 1 in the world in windshield-wiper systems, but also in electrical motors for cars. The company plans to increase sales outside Europe to 50 percent from 27 per-



Very briefly:

• Optimus SA, a Polish computer maker, and Lockheed Martin Corp. have set up a joint venture to install software and offer systems integration services, Optimus said.

Psion PLC shares soared — rising 179 pence (\$2.99), to 602.5 pence - in a second day of sharp gains since the British palmtop computer company announced a joint venture with three big telecommunications companies.

 Coca-Cola Erfrischungsgetraenke AG and Nordwest Getraenke GmbH, the biggest Coca-Cola bottlers in Germany, have agreed to merge, creating a company that will control 58 percent of the German market for Coke, with combined sales of 2.9 billion Deutsche marks (\$1.6 billion).

• Daimler-Benz AG said shareholders, along with those of Chrysler Corp., would vote on their companies' planned merger on Sept. 18.

· Bertelsmann AG of Germany said it and Havas SA of France were buying Doyma, the biggest medical publisher in Spain, for an undisclosed price. Bertelsmann and Havas will each own 50 percent of Doyma. • The Bundesbank, the German central bank, held its key

interest rates unchanged, as was widely expected. The discount rate and Lombard rates remained at 2.50 percent and 4.50 percent, where they have been for more than two years. And the third key rate, the securities repurchase, or repo, rate. was set at a fixed 3.30 percent for another two weeks. The repo rate has been at that level since mid-October 1997.

• Rhodia SA shares soared on their first trading day, the unprofitable French chemicals maker attracting more interest than another recent French stock offering, that of Alstom SA. November, adding: "I believe the cuts will be enough to normalize the chemicals maker and a unit of Rhone-Poulenc SA, rose 30 francs (\$4.96), to 170 francs. Reuters. Bloomberg

Oil Prices Slide in Wake of OPEC's Pledge

LONDON — Sputtering global oil markets weakened Thursday, failing to respond to OPEC's pledge at a meeting in Vienna to cut world

The Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries said late Wed-tended the losses in late afternoon to nesday that supplies would be slashed by 3.2 million barrels a day for one year, a move that some analysts believe could lift prices to as failures to fully adhere to cuts in the much as \$20 a barrel.

About 2.6 million barrels a day of the cuts is to come from OPEC's 11 members, the organization said, while the remainder would come from nonmember countries.

pledges to cut output, said it would use independent estimates to verify compliance. But the markets' initial reaction

was cool. The price of Brent, the international benchmark, sagged to \$13.48 early Thursday and then ex-\$13.07 a barrel, down 54 cents. Oil traders, who had already been

expecting cuts, pointed to OPEC ast, and were less than impressed by both the size of the reduction and the credibility of the cartel's vows. "These sorts of cuts could bring

us back to the price range that we've seen for a decade, of \$15 a barrel to The oil producers' coordinating \$20 a barrel for Brent," said Peter body, which has had problems in the Davies, chief economist at British past with members cheating on Petroleum PLC.

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The newly announced reductions in supply are a reversal of a decision last November to boost production quotas by almost 10 percent, or 2.5 million barrels a day. Since then, prices have fallen 28

percent, as an economic slowdown across Asia and a mild winter in the Northern Hemisphere kept demand in check. The next task "has to be creating

confidence that production has been cut and that the lower production will be seen in the market," Mr. Davies said. The Venezuelan oil minister, Er-

win Arrieta, said cuts would boost Brent crude to \$18 a barrel by (Reuters, Bloomberg)

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Malaysia's Mr. Fixit Leaves Investors Cold

KUALA LUMPUR - Investors gave a thumbs down to Prime Minister Mahathir Moha-

mad's move to name an adviser. minister to fix the country's slump-

ing economy.

The Kuala Lumpur stock market was not impressed. The key Kuala Lumpur Composite Index slumped as much as 2 percent Thursday to a one-week low of 446.3. It closed at 448.42, down 1.53 percent from Wednesday's 455.37 close.

The appointment of Mr. Daim, one of the nation's wealthiest businessmen, is viewed as a check on the economic policies of Finance Minister Anwar Ibrahim, who has often been considered the more pragmatic of the two.

David Chew, vice president of ers.] after Mr. Mahathir's combative private banking at BNP Interna- "It looks like Mahathir is rein- thetoric made many of them wary. Mr. Anwar may not agree with.

tional Financial Services Ltd. in ing in Anwar," said Harold Singapore, said that investors Crouch, a senior fellow at the Ausviewed the appointment as a way tralian National University in Can-Daim Zainuddin, as a new cabinet for Mr. Mahathir to do things that berra and the author of "Government & Society in Malaysia."

Mr. Anwar has won plaudits from

investors for cutting spending and

pledging that banks will not be

forced to bail out failing companies.

'Domestically, I have full control,' the prime minister said after appointing Mr. Daim.

[A comment by Mr. Mahathir supported that view. The prime minister said he had secured full control over Malaysian economic policy by bringing his trusted ally He mounted a campaign to get back into the cabinet, Agence France-Presse reported.

companies to be more transparent and improve corporate governance. The finance minister has also re-["Domestically, I have full con-Mr. Mahathir told report- peatedly had to allay investors' fears

after Mr. Mahathir's combative Mr. Daim's appointment - an-

nounced at Wednesday's cabinet meeting -- surprised his colleagues, although nobody raised any concerns or objections, cabinet ministers said.

"We took it very well," said Rafidah Aziz, the minister for International Trade & Industry. "Why shouldn't we? He was in the cabinet before," Mr. Rafidah said, adding that Mr. Daim's colleagues were quick to nickname him Malaysia's "crisis minister."

Mr. Mahathir said Mr. Dairn was made a cabinet minister because, without such a senior position, "he can't gain access" to foreign investors to discuss Malaysia's economic woes.

Japan Extortionist Threat Grows

TOKYO - Thousands of Jap-

anese police will be deployed across Tokyo to deter corporate extortionists Friday when nearly all the country's companies hold their annual shareholder meetings, officials said. have been implicated in sokaiya About 4,700 officers will stand by payoff scandals in the past year.

at the meetings looking for sokaiya, or corporate racketeers, who threaten to disrupt the usually brief sessions unless they have received their payoffs.

More than 2,300 companies hold their annual meetings Friday.

try to wrap up their meetings rapidly since speed is often equated with financial good health. Many companies have admitted paying off cor- this year lasted longer than usual as billion yen (\$142 million) in income porate extortionists in order to be management faced falling profits in as a result, the police said.

able to finish their meetings smoothly and quickly.

Big names such as the country's top brokerage house, Nomura Securities Co., and a major commercial bank, Dai-ichi Kangyo Bank Ltd., Payoff scandals engulfed other

leading companies, including Mitsubishi Electric Corp., Hitachi Ltd., Daiwa Securities Co. and Mitsubishi Motors Corp. Sokaiya use shareholder meet-

ings to extort money from compa-Japanese companies customarily nies by threatening to disclose damaging information about the companies and their executives.

The few meetings already held

recession-struck Japan and anxious stockholders.

The troubled Long-Term Credit Bank of Japan Ltd., which is desperately seeking a merger partner to stave off collapse, found that its meeting Thursday lasted two and a half hours. Last year, it was over in just 36 minutes.

Most Japanese companies hold their meetings on the same day to limit disruptions by sokaiya.

A police survey last month found that of 2,200 Tokyo-based listed companies known to have paid sokaiya, 328 had ended subscriptions to gangster magazines, a form of illegal payoffs. The corporate extortionists had lost an estimated 20

INDONESIA: Accord Set With IMF on Revised Bailout

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inflation is likely to be about 80 percent this year, officials said. Officials said the adjustments had to be made to their last revised confidence in the country. Subsidies agreement after riots in May that are being maintained on essential

ture and forced President Suharto to step down last month after 32 years suring the supply of essential goods

been disrupted, unemployment is ing the banking system functioning. increasing, banking activities are A budget deficit of 8.5 percent was partially paralyzed, the distribution forecast for the 1998-99 fiscal year. network is not fully functioning," Mr. Neiss said. "Food prices are an economic contraction of 5 percent rising and general confidence is low. this year and estimated that inflation We face a situation of emergency and in such a situation the emphasis further decline in the economy, the timate of 6,000 in the April agreement on economic policies has to be on 'government of President B. J. Habibie first things first.

The revised plan is expected to make possible a resumption of lending from the international rescue package, which has been suspended since early May. Disbursement of the next \$1 billion in funds from the IMF could only come after a meeting of the agency's board of directors, which middle of the month, Mr. Neiss said.

An amendment to the reform measures includes a plan for independent audits of several government companies that the Suharto family and their cronies had interests in.

'Based on these audits it should be possible to redirect a substantial amount of the nation's resources back to the budget where they belong and where they are urgently needed," Mr. Neiss said.

of the bailout was no longer simply

getting the economy back on track, but to keep it running as well.

In doing so, officials hope to avoid

ance — at least \$4 billion — to assure success of the reform agreement.

"At this critical moment, we are

more social unrest that would further weaken domestic and international damaged the country's infrastruc- goods to avoid riots over high prices. Immediate priorities include asat affordable prices, preventing in-"Production and exports have flation from accelerating and keep-

The April agreement had predicted

would be 45 percent. As a result of the said it needed more financial assist-

seeking the further support of the international community to ensure the success of our economic program,' the government said in a statement.

Additional loans have been prom-

ised by the World Bank, the Asian Development Bank and Japan. Market analysts in Jakarta said

they had expected the Indonesian currency, the rupiah, to strengthen along with the yen last week but it now appears to be in a decline independent from crises in the rest of Asia. Officials predicted that the rupiah

would stabilize around 10,000 to the U.S. dollar --- compared with an es-- by the fourth quarter of the year. On Thursday, the rupiah was at 14,950.

Asia Expert Sees 6 Years of Crisis

Agence France-Presse

MANULA - A full recovery from the Asian financial crisis could take up to six years of painful adjustments by regional economies, the dean of the Asian Development Bank Institute said here Thursday.

"I don't think there's anybody in the world who knows when this will end, but my own personal reading is that it's going to be longer than what a whole lot of people have been

saying," Jesus Estanislao said.
"Many of the problems are rather deep in terms of structure so it will take some time for us to be able to work them out," said Mr. Estanislao, a former Philippine finance secretary.

He noted that the Philippines took "five to six years" after a new government took over in 1986 before recovering from the debt crisis that began in the final years of Ferdinand Marcos's 20-year rule.

An economic monitoring and surveillance mechanism within the Association of South East Asian Nations is expected to be created this year with the ADB headquarters in Manila serving as the secretariat, Mr. Estanislao said.

ASEAN includes Brunei, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Burma, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam.

The surveillance plan will include only the "original ASEAN five" — Indonesia, Malaysia, the Philippines, Singapore and Thailand, Mr.

China Firms **Start Hedging Against Yuan**

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Bluomberg Business News HONG KONG - China's government-backed companies in Hong

Kong may be getting subversive.

A string of government investment vehicles, or "red chips," are taking out loans denominated in the Chinese currency, the yuan, to hedge against a possible depreciation — even though Beijing says the yuan will not be devalued.

The moves come as the yen continues to slide, making Japanese exports cheaper on world markets and increasing pressure on the yuan — one of the last major Asian currencies pegged to the U.S. dollar.

Red chips such as Beijing Enterprises Holdings Ltd., Tianjin Development Holdings Ltd., China Everbright International Ltd. and Guangdong Brewery Holdings Ltd. are increasing yuan borrowings. On Thursday, Guangdong Investment Ltd., a Hong Kong-based invest-ment vehicle of the government of that southern Chinese province, said

"Having seen the Asian financial turmoil, people are naturally more careful with their currency risks," said Stanley Wong, regional treasurer for Northeast Asia at Standard Chartered Bank.

While China has repeatedly said it will not devalue the currency, reports last week that Beijing had changed its stance prompted the U.S. Federal Reserve to act with the Bank of Japan and sell the U.S.

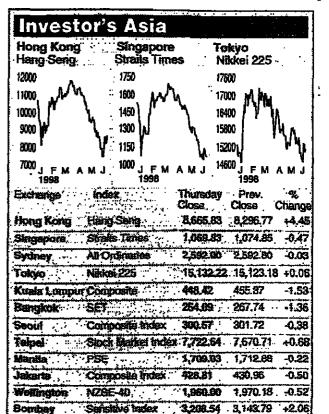
currency to boost the yen.

That intervention lifted the yen as high as 136.15 to the U.S. dollar after it had fallen as low as 146.14. But the yen has resumed its slide, and that worries Chinese executives.

"We have confidence in the government's pledge not to devalue the yuan, but to be responsible to our shareholders it's also necessary for us to do some hedging," Hu Zhao-guang, chairman of Beijing Enterprises, which is traded in Hong Kong, said this month.

He said all of the company's current debt of 1.2 billion Hong Kong dollars (\$155 million) was denominated in yuan, but said it had been prompted to consider hedging by a \$150 million syndicated loan it was arranging with Chase Manhattan Bank, Standard Chartered Bank and Sumitomo Bank.

by Zhong Guangchao, chairman of services, trading and manufacturing in Hong Kong and China.



Very briefly:

• Merrill Lynch & Co., the largest U.S. brokerage by sales, plans to open 29 branches next month in Japan and 4 others later this year, company officials said. It is the first foreign securities firm to set up a retail operation catering to Japanese

 Philippine Airlines Inc. hired 62 pilots to replace those it fired after they went on strike, part of a plan to rebuild the crippled carrier as a smaller company. Meantime, European consortium Airbus Industrie said it was taking back eight Airbus passenger aircraft leased by the airline.

• General Electric Capital Corp. bought 85 percent of all loans at Thailand's biggest-yet liquidation sale of 56 bankrupt finance companies.

• Daimaru Inc., the Japanese department store operator, said that poor sales would force it to liquidate subsidiaries in France and Hong Kong and sell its stake in a Thai company this year. Daimaru is to suffer an extraordinary loss of 7 billion yen (\$50 million) on the liquidation of Hong Kong Daimaru Ltd. and I billion yen on Daimaru France SA.

·Adaptec Inc. and Hyundai Electronics America agreed to scrap Adaptec's proposed \$775 million purchase of Hyundai's Symbios Inc. unit, which makes devices that connect computers to networks, saying U.S. Federal Trade Commission approval was "unlikely.

 National Foods Ltd., an Australian dairy products and juice company, has again increased its bid for Pauls Ltd., valuing its Brisbane-based rival at 403 million Australian dollars (\$241 million).

• Ford Motor Co. may be forced to write off much of its 12year investment in Kia Motors Corp. as the South Korean government prepares to clean up the insolvent auto manufacturer for an international sale. Kia will be put up for auction as early as the end of August, said Kang Bong Kyun. 'Prudence' is the reason cited a senior presidential secretary for economic affairs.

•Moody's Investors Service, the U.S. ratings agency, cut its Guangdong Investment, which in- ratings for Japan's Mitsubishi Heavy Industries Ltd., Javests in real estate, infrastructure, pan's largest heavy machinery marker, blaming the firm's expansion into more risky business. Moody's cut Mitsubishi Heavy's long-term senior unsecured debt rating from "Aa3" Guangdong Investment said it to upper medium grade "A1," with a negative outlook.

would increase borrowing in the Australian company directors will be forced to tell shareyuan through its mainland-incorpor- holders what they earn, according to new laws passed by the ated subsidiaries and repay debt degovernment. Under the new rules, directors of listed companominated in foreign currencies, nies and the five highest-paid company officeholders will have to disclose their pay packages.

ADS: Global Consumers Are More Similar Than Different

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male than female," he added, "and will be held between July 8 and the found disproportionately in the developed and developing nations of Asia like Japan and the Philippines." They have little time for media apart from newspapers.

 Devouts: This group, 22 percent of adults, has "more traditional val-ues," Mr. Miller said, like "faith, family, colleagues, friends." " Mr. Miller said, like "faith, duty, obedience, respect for elders, and is concentrated in Africa, Asia and the Middle East. Devouts are least involved with the media and least likely to want Western brands.

indicated that the immediate priority said, interested in social issues and causes. They are "generally well edu-

cated," he added, as well as older, often found in Latin America and Rus-

• Intimates: This group, at 15 percent of the adult population, is composed of "people." Mr. Miller said, 'focusing on relationships very close

Intimates, frequently found in Britain, Hungary, the Netherlands and the United States, "are well worth targeting" if you are selling familiar consumer brands, he added.

he painted a bleak picture of the situation in Indonesia, the world's altruists, 18 percent of adults, are dia that can be shared to create a situation most normlous country, and "very outer focused," Mr. Miller common bond with other people," Mr. Miller said, like radio, movies and

• Fun seekers: At 12 percent of with a median age of 44, and "more adults and "the youngest group," Mr. female than the norm." Altruists are Miller said, fun seekers prize values such as "pleasure, excitement, adventure and looking good." They frequent bars, clubs and restaurants and devour electronic media.

This is "the group that is more global in its lifestyle," he added, "particularly in music." He said, "It really is an MTV generation."

 Creatives: The smallest group, at 10 percent, is dedicated to 'learning. knowledge and technology," Mr. Miller said, and is "a global trendsetter in owning a PC, using a PC, surfing the Web.'

Creatives "are the highest consumers of media" of any group, he said, "with a big skew toward books, magazines and newspapers.'

Milan, Corso Matteotti 5

Property of Banca Monte dei Paschi di Siena S.p.A.

Servizi Immobiliari Banche - S.I.B. S.p.A. has been given the task of promoting the sale of the building located in Corso Matteotti 5, Milan, as is and in its present legal status. The building is located in a prestigious position between Piazza San Babila and Piazza della Scala, and is part of a larger complex built according to a design by the architect Lancia in the early 1930s. The building has six above-ground floors, plus a basement level and a mezzanine floor, with an inner courtyard with vehicle access from Via Montenapoleone, 1. With the exception of the areas of the building for commercial use on the ground and mezzanine floors, and the apartment located on the third floor (occupied without contract), the building is completely vacant.

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should be no less than 45 days starting from July 31, 1998;
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AT&T: Internet Arranges a \$48 Billion Marriage of Phone and Cable Companies

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barely visible five years ago. Indeed, even as AT&T began talk-

decided to remain independent - at least for the time being. "Just as the home computer caused vantage of being able to route traffic a whole lot of changes over the last 10 virtually anywhere on the system, derson of the Yankee Group, a teleyears, there is going to be a new cable networks have a much higher revolution in telecommunications," carrying capacity — which on the said Barry Schuler, president of creative development at America Online. When you are chatting with

and you can talk to them by voice." AT&T, primarily a long-distance work access based on Internet tech-telephone carrier, with 90 million cus-nology — whether for data transfers, tomers, and TCI, still mainly a cable voice conversations or, eventually, television company, serving 13 mil- even TV-quality video. lion homes, are already dabblers in Internet service.

AT&T's Worldnet Internet access wireless radio waves, the Internet it- over local voice telephone service. customers. TCI owns about 40 percent of At Home Network, which is ing to TCI days ago, the phone company was still trying to arrange a merger with America Online, which high-speed Internet access over tele-

While phone networks have the ad-Internet translates to higher speed. Yet both companies know the net-

work future lies not in today's telesomeone on AOL, you will be able to phone-network or cable-system techclick a button and your phone will ring nologies but in providing consumers and businesses with high-speed net-

While Internet traffic can flow over phone wires or cable lines or even access to the home will probably be going to switch.'

service has attracted about 1 million self employs a transmission format that is far more efficient and flexible seems destined eventually to render tion and entertainment content for those conventional systems obsolete. "There is going to be no difference between local and long distance, be-tween voice and data, between voice

communications consulting firm. everything from thermostats to refrigerators to door locks is being designed

so it can be linked to the Internet and

controlled remotely by the owners. But the many billions of dollars that will be required for the communications industry to update its networks for would be decided early. a future all-internet format must come from the revenues of current custom-

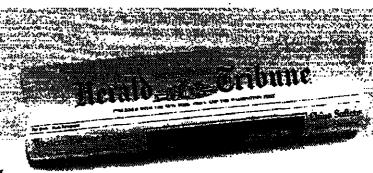
After all, nearly every household, regardless of whether it subscribes to than telephone or cable systems and cable service or has a personal computer, requires phone service. AT&T has not had a direct line into

most consumers' homes since it was banished from the local telephone business by the Bell System breakup in 1984. But the company, freed to return to the local phone business by the Telecommunications Act of 1996, now Such a network is so flexible that hopes to offer customers a complete package that includes local, long-distance and wireless telephone service. along with cable television and Internet access, all on one monthly bill. Mr. Anderson of the Yankee Group

"The first person to provide highspeed Internet access with voice and ers. That is why the first battles in the data wins," he said, "because if cuslong war over who provides Internet tomers are satisfied, they are never

said the eventual winner in the market

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THE NEW BERLIN: 50 YEARS AFTER THE AIRLIFT

Fifty years ago, Berliners astounded the world with their spirit and courage in the face of a Soviet blockade of the Allied-controlled western part of the city. For 13 months, the Allies flew in fuel, food and other necessities. The airlift, an unparalleled feat of logistics, made Berlin a front-line city in the Cold War.

Since the Berlin Wall fell in 1989, a new city has been emerging, as symbolized by the refurbishment of the Reichstag, Amid historical commemorations like the May 14 ceremony with Chancellor Helmut Kohl, President Bill Clinton and Colonel Gail Halvorsen, Berlin is busy assuming its entitled role: serving as



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Berlin's size - 2 million people, hundreds

Allied soldiers, dozens of hospitals and

It was believed technically impossible.

The Allies knew why they were going to

"draw a line in the sand," in the words of

General Lucius Clay, commander of the

Allied forces in Central Europe. This was

Even the Allies weren't certain if they

But they did. The first of the Skymasters

and Dakotas landed in West Berlin on June

Some 300.000 flights by Allied airplanes delivered nearly 2.5 million tons of fuel,

The airlift ended on May 12, 1949, when-

the Soviet Army gave up and allowed Allied convoys of food-bearing trucks to reach

the city. West Berlin had been kept alive —

barely. The city's residents had spent those

was available for two hours a day - and

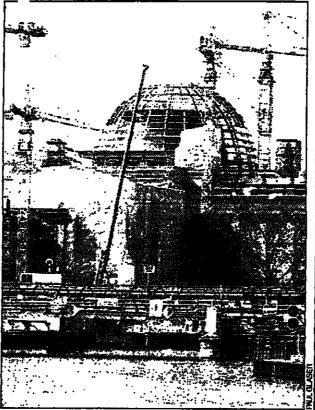
The airlift changed West Berlin's image.

the "splendid island." as Churchill called it.

The avid recipients of this message were

political and economic freedoms prevailing

resources and labor needed to do so.





AN UNPARALLELED FEAT OF LOGISTICS AND STAMINA

The seemingly impossible airlift broke the Soviets' chokehold on Berlin.

solely by air.

could pull off the airlift.

western half of the city.

26, 1948.

** t was one of the finest hours in modern history. On June 24, 1948, the Soviet had ever undertaken to supply a city of West L army imposed a blockade around West Berlin. Two days later, the Allied response of thousands of cars, several battalions of began. For the next 13 months, this "halfcity" of 2 million people was supplied several power plants and newspapers entirely by air - an unparalleled feat of

By emphasizing the Allies' will to resist Nor was it thought that the Allies would be Soviet aggression, the airlift made the prepared to expend the vast amount of policy of containment credible and led, 41 years later, to the tearing down of the Berlin Wall. The airlift also gave Berlin a new identity as a front-line city in the Cold War. Subsequent events - including the building of the wall in 1961 — strengthened this the place where the Soviets were going to be

"For us in West Berlin, the successful completion of the airlift gave rise to a strong certainty and a 'someday' hope," says Eberhard Diepgen, Berlin's mayor. "The certainty was that the Allies would stand by us, no matter what might come. The hope and it was often a very distant one - was that, someday, Berlin would begin anew, food, medicines and other supplies to the would set out upon a new path, one having nothing to do with the Cold War and its political and economic constraints."

The integrated city

Since the Wall came down in 1989, a new Berlin has been in the making. The city is 15 months largely in the dark - electricity preparing for the return of Germany's federal government. Over the last decade, no often hungry city in the world has revamped more of its area, political systems, transport infrastruc- In the world's eyes, the city went from being ture and daily life than Berlin. In doing so, it the capital of the defeated Nazi Germany to has pioneered new methods of development the easternmost outpost of the free world. and redevelopment. In order to overcome the difficulties re- in which the ideals and benefits of de-

sulting from the Cold War years of isolation mocracy and of a Western-style free-market and its aftermath, the city has to assume the economy were put on display. role that its geographic position and the size of its population, academic and business the residents of East Berlin and the rest of communities have thrust upon it: serving as the German Democratic Republic. The the hub of the new Central Europe.

Fifty years ago, the Soviets imposed a in West Berlin attracted easterners in blockade on all rail and road links con- droves. To stop this hemorrhaging of the necting Allied-controlled Germany and young and talented, the GDR's government Berlin. The plan was to take the western part of the city by starving it into submission.

THE CANDY BOMBER Makes His Return

Pilot Gail Halvorsen's curgo delighted Berlin's kids.

Since 1948, Colonel Gail "candy bomber" and his won-Halvorsen (retired) has been a derful freight spread, and Berstar, at least to hundreds of thou- lin's children flocked to the airsands of Berliners who are now port. between the ages of 50 and 65. It took half a century, however, for times. Mr. Halvorsen gave his him to become a media brainchild a name: Operation celebrity.

ative anonymity. Mr. Halvorsen Vittles. Other pilots soon joined was one of the thousands of pilots him in releasing candy from the flying the Skymasters and other sky, and a legion of volunteers in

airplanes keeping Berlin fed and fueled. It was arduous, dangerous work. involving landing on barely lit runways in all sorts of weather, with little time to

sleep or recuperate and little mar- spiraling into the outstretched runs. Hundreds more were res- every account of the airlift. cued from their crash-landed airplanes by the 20,000 Berliners kids for his belated rise to fame.

faltered during the runs, forcing many's newspapers or TV stathe pilots to parachute into East tions. The interviewees have Germany.

freedom, often with the help of Halvorsen and the other pilots. local inhabitants, became a staple reviving memories of Operation of the world's newspapers. In Little Vittles in the process. spite of the danger and work involved. Mr. Halvorsen still had time and energy enough to come

candy and chocolate over Ber- number of other airlift-related lin's Tempelhof district. It was an events, including the restaging of instant success. Word of the a "candy run." .

After repeating his feat several Little Vittles, a play on the air-There were reasons for his rel- lift's unofficial name, Operation the United States

started stitching together the parachutes. By the time it was over, 250,000 parachutes had been released. graphs of the candy

gin for error. Seventy-eight of arms of the waiting children subthese pilots were killed during the sequently became a staple of Mr. Halvorsen can thank those

working for the Allied author- Virtually every Berliner over 50 A number of the airplanes been interviewed by one of Gerused this opportunity to express The stories of their escapes to their heartfelt thanks to Mr.

After being an honored guest at the ceremonies --- held on May 15 and attended by President Bill up with an ingenious idea. Clinton and Chancellor Helmut
On one of his early runs, just
Kohl — marking the 50th an-Clinton and Chancellor Helmut before landing, he released small niversary of the airlift, Mr. handmade parachutes bearing Halvorsen is participating in a

THE AIRLIFT AND AFTERWARD: **IMPORTANT DATES**

- June 24, 1948: The Soviet Army imposes a land blockade on West Berlin. The objective: to starve the city into submission.
- June 26, 1948: General Lucius Clay, the U.S. military commander in Berlin, orders the launching of the airlift, which U.S. pilots later nickname Operation Vittles. The first of 300,000 round-the-clock flights arrives in the city.

In all, they will bring nearly 2.5 million tons of fuel, food, paper and medicine to West Berlin and will be the main, but not sole, supply source to the city. At peak times, the United States' 330 Skymasters plus other Allied aircraft land every 30 seconds at Berlin's Tempelhof, Gatow and Tegel airports, and on the Havel River. By the time it's over, 78 people will have lost their lives while carrying out these missions. Total distance flown will come to 175 million

- May 12, 1949: The Soviet Army lifts the blockade.
- May 24, 1949: The Federal Republic of Germany is founded. • September 30, 1949: The last flight.
- October 7, 1949: The German Democratic Republic is created.

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- August 13, 1961: The German Democratic Republic begins building the
- November 9, 1989: The Berlin Wall is breached by surging crowds from both halves of the city.
- October 3, 1990: Germany is reunified.
- 1999-2000: Germany's federal government completes the main phase of its relocation to Berlin.



Colonel Gail Halvorsen, the originator of Operation Little Vittles.

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CLEANER, GREENER DEVELOPMENT

Berlin is already proving its commitment to the concept of sustainable development.

Thile the world marvels at how rapidly Berlin is emerging from its welter of construction sites, many of the city's residents grumble about the lack of progress. That's only to be expected,

says Eberhard Diepgen, Berlin's mayor. "It's much easier to per-

ceive the progress being made when you're in Berlin every few months or so." he says. "When you go past the same construction sites every day, it's hard to notice any changes - and very easy to remark upon the dust and blocked sidewalks and other

in an unfinished building."

complaints, including the relatively high rate of unem- the city. Virtually all of the and technology. ployment prevailing in the automobiles and trucks being proyment prevaining in the distribution of our city. But one aspect of city driven in the east are work is creating urban concity. But one aspect of city life enjoys universal praise: equipped with catalytic conditions that minimize the imthe city's environment. Berverters or low-emission dicverters or low-e lin's air and water quality sel engines like those in the and its business community have improved dramatically over the past decade.



Eberhard Diepgen, Berlin's mayor, says of the current spate of construction: "I like to compare Berlin to a house being built by a family in

The improvements are partly the result of East Berlin's ecological cleanup.

family in residence there. been shut down or equipped glass. They know that the house with scrubbers and other endwill soon be completed and of-the-pipe pollution treat- Reviving neighborhoods that it will be wonderful. But ment equipment. The new inthese facts tend to get ob- dustries taking their place use pollution-related problems. scured by the day-to-day ir- integrated environmental ritations arising from living management systems to resents only one part of the avoid producing pollution in re-engineering of the city's the first place.

tal upgrading either. A citywide network of air

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pollution monitoring stations has been set up over the past decade. Many of the city's buildings, in both east and west. have been equipped with active and passive solar heating systems. Berlin's mass transit sys-

tern, the recipient of a large part of the 50 billion Deutsche marks (\$28 billion) spent on the city's transport infrastructure, has been refurbished and extended. Berlin has substantially

cut its output of wastes and increased recycling efforts. As of the end of 1996, Berlin "I like to compare Berlin to a house being built by a house built by a built built built by a built buil

environment, points out West Berlin's advanced Peter Strieder, Berlin's sen-The Berliners have other sewage-treatment system has ator (minister) for urban de-

> "The main thrust of our West Berlin hasn't been provide the local economy

excluded from environmental upgrading either. with ways to grow on a sustainable basis," he says. "The term 'sustainable' has both ecological and economic connotations, and these are

intertwined." The work includes revitalizing many of Berlin's neighborhoods: making them into places that are both attractive

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Paula Modersohn-Becker Paintings May 8 - July 27, 1998

Self-portrait, 1900

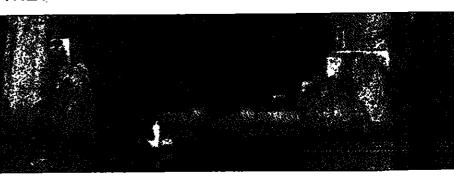
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THE NEW BERLIN: 50 YEARS AFTER THE AIRLIFT

STOCK EXCHANGE EYES A NEW NICHE IN HIGH-TECH FIRMS

Local companies are looking to launch IPOs.

he individual components of Berlin's financial sector seem to be facing very different prospects. Thanks to a further expansion of its catchment area, Berlin's banking sector should be set for strong growth, but the city's small stock exchange faces overpoweringly strong competition from the mighty Frankfurt Stock Exchange.

In November 1997, Frankfurt introduced its XETRA

(exchange electronic trading) on-line system. The system links most of the country and much of Europe in a single electronic trading floor.

Once confined to serving a market of 2 million people and several thousand companies. Berlin's banks fully exploited e opportunities arising from the fall of the Berlin Wall. They extended their networks throughout greater Berlin and beyond, greatly expanding their customer base - and balrance sheet totals — in the process. Spurred by rising incomes and sales in Central and Eastern Europe, Berlin's banks are

now busy forging ties throughout the region.

"I believe that the Berlin Stock Exchange has a very bright future, and that's precisely because of XETRA, plus the city's proximity to the CEE region and Berlin's large stock of young high-tech companies," says Peter Hartmann, executive vice president for international development at

American Diversified Holdings. Inc., a provider of brokerage and options-related services and mutual funds. The company set up a subsidiary, American Diversified AG Wertpapierhandelsbank, in Berlin in April 1997.

reach for anyone in Poland looking for sophisticated trading and options-related services," says Mr. Hartmann. "Rather than spelling the demise of Berlin. XETRA will provide it with a great boost. Thanks to it, traders - center. When completed, the - the office tower, 103 meters - town' liveliness would draw

in Berlin enjoy the same access to the same services as their counterparts in Frankfurt.

* "XETRA will, however, give Berlin — long one of Europe. Virtually every Germany's most innovative exchanges — a new role. Berlin structure in the city center. will go the route already successfully taken by Vancouver which extends over nine and other enterprising exchanges in North America. It will become the takeoff point, the place where high-techs launch miles), has either been newly their IPOs [initial public offerings] and get their first in-built or revamped. The city center back these new publicly listed companies."

"Mr. Hartmann's forecast is already becoming a reality. trailblazing vision of the fu-Seeking to profit from the German investing public's appetite ture of Europe's cities. This for new issues, several Berlin-based companies have anvision has nothing to do with nounced plans to launch IPOs over the next few months, the one imparted by Lon- the Forum, with shops and following in the footsteps of recent, wildly oversubscribed don's Docklands and the otherestaurants. Also to be found offerings made on Frankfurt's New Market.

Berlin would seem to have a nearty mexicausmore potential developments has featured rect links to mass transit.

To IPOs. Some 104,000 companies, many of them high-developments has featured rect links to mass transit. techs, have been founded in the city since 1990. Their ranks ever-taller buildings and include Pixelpark, Germany's foremost multimedia agency. ever-greater expanses of de- of the elements of a down- the amount of remuneration areades. Land Acotec, one of the country's leaders in the computer velopment. They are monu- town neighborhood, says and responsibility coming . Mr. Van Ommen concommunications connectivity sector.

Large though it is, this stock of companies by no means bitions of their planners. The aging director of Sony Berlin Notes Jürgen Bruns-Ber- and Brandenburg Gate show, metropolitan area has, in- Berlin. BLEG has also sucrepresents all of the Berlin Stock Exchange's listings po- projects share a common GmbH. "When completed, it entely, deputy managing di- much of the import of the cluding immediate access to cessfully renovated and martential. Mr. Hartmann points out. "Our offices in the United purpose: to serve as venues will be a place of business rector of Tishman Speyer New Berlin derives from the airports and autobahns lead- keted several local palaces y States have received a large number of queries from North for monumental-sized hu- and work, a place to live, a Properties Deutschland past. This tie between the old ing to such important mar- and mansions. American companies about being listed on the Berlin Stock man strivings. Exchange." he says. "We in Berlin have been contacted by several companies in Western Germany about the same thing. In addition to the innovativeness of the exchange, what Berlin represents a break makes Berlin so attractive is the large amount of financing with this tradition of monupower now assembled in the city."

American Diversified Holdings will manage the launchging of four IPOs in Berlin over the next few months. Two of in Berlin's Minte. Tiergarten the companies going public are from the United States. The and Schöneberg districts is gther two are based in northwestern Germany.

American Diversified Holdings will be involved in at least one other IPO in the near future: its own. The ongoing expansion of its Berlin-based business has created a need for been designed to do. Rather, lunchers to evening movie-, more capital backing. "What better place for us to go public than in Berlin?" says Mr. Hartmann. ●

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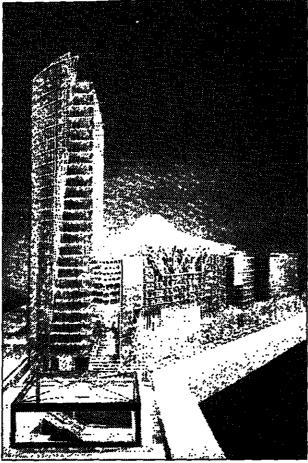
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for their residents.



The new Sony Center on Potsdamer Platz, now under construction, will feature striking facades of steel-framed glass.

A CITY CENTER DESIGNED FOR PEOPLE

"Berlin is the casiest place to A new complex on Potsdamer Platz is creating a whole neighborhood from scratch.

major and thousands of smal- are seven individual build- multi-use the newest downtown in square kilometers (3.5 square

The city center is new in another sense — it offers a offerings made on Frankfurt's New Market.

Berlin would seem to have a nearly inexhaustible potential Berlin. Each of these megasand parking spaces and di-

Space for living

mentalism. Each of the flagship developments grouped spiring awe is the last thing these developments have their appeal comes from their often innovative architecture. which features an imaginative use of space and human-

scale design, An example is the Sony Center am Potsdamer Platz. due for completion in 2000. The 1.5 billion Deutsche mark (\$835 million) commeters (1.42 million square) feet) of floor space. Unlike many other developments elsewhere, but typical of Bei-

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rapidly coming to an feature a single dominating end at most of the 150 structure. Located on its site international partners Tishman Speyer and Kajima.

Located on the triangular site's external periphery, the high-rises flank a central agglomeration of buildings. These include the House of Film, the Urban Entertaincentral area is occupied by

ments to the awesome am- Edgar van Ommen, man- with their job. place in which to stroll around during the day and a place in which to go out in the evening. The Sony Center be a self-contained, self-sufficient enclave. Thanks to the Forum and all of the cinemas and other media-related venlarge and high-rise. But in- ues in the center, it will be a ment, produces a fantastic ofplace attracting everybody from midday shoppers and

This array of activities within a single spatial unit is typical of the new Berlin." says Volker Hassemer, now chief executive of Berlin Partner, the alliance of major—to design the complex. local companies formed to premote the city's business. Location, location development. "It represents plex offers 132,500 square what we had envisioned when formulating the city's casiest jobs in Berlin's othpolicies and laying down the crivise difficult real estate. course of development of

Berim's inner city." Mr. Hassemer was senator (minand environmental protect to Sony's having decided to tion during the new Berlin's

formative years. "Our goal during the planning process was to make sure that Berlin's downtown didn't become an array of housed there. monumental, dominant-use complexes." Mr. Hassemer, jobs in Berlin, and that's es-public events, •

lifeless. Our objective was to foster the creation of a set of 'polycultures.' ler sites clustered in Berlin's ings, the tallest of which is complexes whose 'downwork will leave Berlin with and 26 stories high. The com- people into the center city. plex is owned by Sony and its consuring its survival in an era in which exurban malls are getting the upper hand."

Says Edgar van Ommen, managing director of Berlin the existence of this 'urban brio' is nearly as important to ment Center and apartment a top location, high-quality buildings. The core of the amenities, an attractive look and stability of ownership. sand parking spaces and di- for whom the surroundings ment buildings grouped in which they work have be-"Our center assembles all come nearly as important as embassies and new shopping

GmbH, the German subsidiary of the New York-based Tishman Speyer, the coinisn't, however, designed to complex's development, leasing and management: "The overwhelming use of glass in the center, creating a light-infused work environfice lifestyle.

This penchant for "transparent structures" is the leitmotif of Helmut Jahn, the world-famous German-American architect, whose firm, the Chicago-based Murphydahn, in 1992 won an international competition

Selling the Sony Center would seem to be one of the market. Some 42 percent of the center's area was taken up even before the first brobeate its European headquarters in it. The German Film and Academy and the German Mediatheque will also be

"There are lots of tougher

onstruction work is lin this complex does not says. "Such complexes are pecially because of the concept, the architecture, the prime tenant and last but not least the centrality of the location," says Mr. Bruns-Berentelg. "How attractive it is becomes truly apparent when you're actually here, standing on Potsdamer Platz."

The cityscape seen from our center is for me the quintessence of the New Berlin," Sony GmbH: "I believe that says Anthony Mannarino. senior director of Tishman Speyer Properties. "A 360- g today's buyers and tenants as degree pan from our tower takes in the Philharmonic Hall, the museums and the other institutes forming the Today's companies are rest of the Kulturforum, the staffed by a relatively few. Brandenburg Gate, the Tiervery highly qualified people, garten park and the governaround it. Also seen are the

vestor responsible for the on Potsdamer Platz was beeconomic power — and be- quantity of highly skilled cause of its past."

Before being destroyed in World War II. Potsdamer BLEG, it's our job, acting on Platz was, along with Pariser Platz to the north, the major the Berlin government, to ac- ers in winter. Perched on its hub of commercial and social tivate these assets and to summit was an off-limits Allife in Berlin. Grouped around Potsdamer Platz were the world's investors." The a number of the city's leading public-sector company has the interim land-use plan department stores, office come up with a suitable worked out by BLEG. Gerbuildings and hotels, includ- vehicle; the northern Pankow many's air control service Esplanade. Parts of this hectares (173 acres) in size, tion. The "mountain" will neo-baroque (Chamber of the Emperor) and three other splendid halls

survive World War II. In March 1996, one of the renmants was given a new location and a new raison ister) of urban development, chures were printed, thanks, d'être. The Kaisersaal, weighing 1,300 tons, was placed on air cushions and shifted 75 meters to the cen-Television ter's site. Restored to their past glones, the Kaisersaal and the other halls are now an integral part of the center and will be used for dining and

- were the only elements to

MIGRATION NORTH To New Estates

North Berlin is drawing people and industry:

velopments springing up in figured to meet investors' in-neighboring Brandenburg dividual needs. this year, just as many have the city center.

Branching out

an entirely natural trend. one that every major city in the industrialized world has ourselves still have many extra-urban sites available within our city limits."

Many of the remaining sites are in Berlin's northern by-product of the "go south and west" orientation of investors, who have tended to

bout 30,000 Ber- (21,600 square feet). The lots liners will move from are zoned for all kinds of the city's central manufacturing and related areas into new housing de- services, and can be con-

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Says Rolf Schmidt, been doing over the past few BLEG's head of marketing years. A good number of the and distribution: "We see the city's companies have also flexibility of size and land relocated operations to new use as being the estate's two "greenfield", sites outside greatest operating advantages - also that companies can work on a three-shift, round-the-clock basis there. Eberhard Diepgen, Berlin's and that the estate is so close mayor, says the moves reflect to Berlin's downtown, only 12 kilometers or 20 minutes by autobahn.

Greater Berlin is full-of been going through over the similar developments. The past few decades, and one amount of competition alone would make it difficult to sell now taking place in Berlin would make it difficult to sell because of the wall. It is a the northern Pankow estate. trend that we neither can nor Further complicating matwill hinder, especially as we ters, or so it would seem, is the estate's size. It is the largest of its kind in greater Berlin.

"Actually, we see the size as the greatest advantage of and eastern reaches, in the all." says Mr. Schmidt, "It's Pankow and Weissensee dis- simply very hard to find partricts. Their availability is a cels that large in greater Berlin, and it's going to get

BLEG's store of experi-



locate their new factories and ence in getting redevelop-office complexes in southern ment projects off the ground and western Greater Berlin. is another asset. It has already

and new is also shown by our kets as Hamburg and Poland. cided to build our complex own. Because demand has been low, property prices are cause of its proximity to Ber- lower in the north, and the lin's centers of political and labor market has a great people to affer.

Mr. Kraus adds: commissions given to us by bring them to the attention of lied radar station.

Says Dietrich G. Kraus, set up technology, skilledmanaging director of BLEG trade and logistics centers on (Berlin Development Com- redeveloped "brownfield" Mr. Van Ommen con-pany): "Berlin's north side sites in Charlottenburg Ko-cludes: "As the Reichstag has everything the southern penick and other districts in The Teufelsberg project

location. The reason we de- plus a few advantages all its shows the breadth of BLEG's range of activity. The Teufelsberg was one of the best-known sights in Cold War West Berlin - a manmade promontory located in Berlin's lovely Grunewald park. The Teufelsberg's slopes were popular with kite-fliers in summer and ski-

Today, in accordance with the world-famous industrial estate. Some 70 has taken over the radar staformer hotel - including its the estate offers lots starting eventually have a hotel, res-Kaisersaal at 2,000 square meters taurants and apartments.

A LOGISTICAL FEAT

Continued from page 21

began building the Berlin Wall on Aug. 13, 1961. The wall bottled up but did not kill the urge to go west and be free, as the events of the evening of Nov. 9, 1989 showed. In one surge, the residents of East Berlin shrugged off five decades of relentless indoctrination and turned the 223 kilometers (138 miles) of reinforced concrete into the world's favorite souvenir of the Cold War.

With the fall of European communism and the reunification of Berlin and Germany, the Cold War became a part of Berlin's history rather than part of its identity. Mr. Diepgen's hope for a new path for Berlin could be real-

The Bundestag, Germany's parliament, decided on June 20, 1991 in a narrow vote to retransfer the bulk of the federal government from Bonn to Berlin, always the country's official capital. Work on creating this new Berlin has been proceeding at a feverish pace since then, in spite of the city's financial straits and listless economic performance.

The renewal continues

On May 23, 1999, the Bundestag will take up permanent residence in Berlin, a city of newly completed office and residential complexes, extended and upgraded transport and telecommunications grids, and business sectors populated by newly founded companies.

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THE NEW BERLIN: 50 YEARS AFTER THE AIRLIFT

AND TO TOP IT OFF, A NEW AIRPORT

The three current airports will be succeeded by one central hub near today's Schönefeld.

erlin's "great handover" will take place in 2007. In first one to be located in Central Europe proper. Like its national will open after five years of construction and between 5 billion and 8 billion Deutsche marks (\$2.8 million-\$4.5 million) in expenditures. BBI's terminals will be located immediately adjacent to those of today's Schönefeld airport. whose improved runways BBI will inherit. Both sites are and operator of the city's airports, is being privatized. Two situated in Berlin's southeast, 22 kilometers (14 miles) from

its first year of operations. Not coincidentally, that's about the maximum capacity of Tegel, Schönefeld and Tempelhof airports, which handled 11.6 million passengers in 1997 -

The new airport will inherit Schönefeld's upgraded runways.

BBI will have a total capacity of 30 million passengers a year.

This expansion in capacity will be produced by the new

airport's terminal buildings and by the lengthening of

Schönefeld's current runway to 3,600 meters (11,880 feet)

additional capacities and improved runways will be needed.

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Hub for the north and east

that year. Berlin's current three airports will cease predecessors, the new airport will have feeder and connecting operation and the city's Berlin Brandenburg Interroutes extending throughout northern Germany, Scandinavia and Central and Eastern Europe.

Large and important though it is, the changeover is only one of several major developments in Berlin's airport scene. Berlin-Brandenburg Flughafen Holding GmbH, the owner international consortia are bidding for a 74.9 percent stake in BBI is expected to handle 17.4 million passengers during federal government plus those of Berlin and Brandenburg. A decision is expected by autumn.

In May 1998, the city's AirportExpress was launched. Running on Berlin's new high-speed rail artery, the express

takes less than 30 minutes to get from the city's downtown to today's Schönefeld. This move is the first of several to give the new airport highaccess transport links. A new station will be built on the BBI site to accommodate the Express and Germany's high speed ICE/IC trains. A line of Berlin's U-Bahn (subway) is being extended out

autobahn. This superhighway runs between Berlin and Dresden and intersects both of Berlin's major beltways.

These links are already badly needed, and will be even more so in the future. Says Gotz Herberg, chairman of the executive board of Berlin-Brandenburg Flughafen Holding, the city's airport authority: "Berlin is emerging as a center of logistics and other services for Northern and Eastern Europe. This role will obviously be augmented by Poland's accession to the Euro-pean Union. The CEE companies are facing a problem: the transport infrastructure in the region is often weefully inadequate. Berlin's air links are helping remove this bottleneck."

Airfreight transported via Berlin's airports was up 10 percent in 1997, amounting to a still modest 62,000 metric Projektentwicklungs GmbH. trial innovation within Centons. This rise in airfreight has already spawned a belt of says there are two ways of tral Europe's largest urban logistics specialists around today's Schönefeld airport. This belt will soon feature office complexes, product assembly facilities and much more. Several of Germany's leading real estate development companies have announced ambitious plans for the Schönefeld region.

"This is following the pattern already established in

Frankfurt, Munich and Germany's other major cities," adds and the building of a new one 4,000 meters long. These Mr. Herberg: "Many companies want to operate in the immediate vicinity of an airport. That's why airports are such The new airport will be one of Europe's major hubs, and the job-creating machines." •



the fourth-largest total among Germany's cities. Based on the 5 percent rate of through-passenger growth forecast for the next decade, the timing of the commissioning of the new



Space within the nine-story City Carré II will be configurable according to tenants' needs.

BUILDINGS WITH BUILT-IN SERVICES

Once the space is rented, both business and home services for tenants can be laid on.

erlin's bubbling real estate marter in the building. It occupies 36,000 ployed it over the last three decades to square meters of space and will employ make itself into one of Germany's largest providers of business-to-bus genious strategies to attract the tenants and buyers to fill them.

and have nothing to do with wire and watts. Rather, they focus on "in-building" the outsourced needs of the new occupants.

When completed in autumn 1998, City Carré II will be a large (22.250 of pleasingly postmodern appearance. This will fit in well with its adjoining neighbor and with the neighborhood.

City Carré II's site adjoins that of building features a similar architectural style. Both buildings are located near the city's Ostbahnhof train station in and other needs of our resident compathe city's Ostbahnhof train station in Berlin's Friedrichshain district. The station has recently been rejuvenated, as supply every service required to make have been the highways and railroads each of these employees productive." crisscrossing the district.

High tech, high access

This sprucing up was mandated by the city's urban planners. In their vision, Friedrichshain, hitherto predominately a home to aging industrial complexes, is to become a mecca for providers of administrative, technical, educational and other business-to-business services, all of whom are dependent upon highaccess transport links.

This vision is becoming a reality, at least as far as City Carré I is concerned. The Dresdner Bank has located its administrative and technical services cenbut not to Köllmann, which has ema no-changes-possible space."

While not differing wildly in appearance from the other new buildings Many of these focus on equipping the dotting Friedrichshain, the two Carrés buildings with state-of-the-market do represent a real-estate revolution in local operations of international compacommunications infrastructure. Others Berlin. That's because, in addition to the nies. center on the post-completion phase advanced communication link-ups, sculpted greenery and other features found in most new buildings, these offer something exceptional: services. in City Carré II will be provided with facility management, business develsquare meters of usable space) building opment, personnel training, supplies procurement and other services, included so-called "home" ones.

Says Jorg Bourgett, member of the board of directors at the Wiesbaden-City Carré I. Completed in 1996, this based Köllmann AG, developer of the two buildings: "That means we'll

Excluding the home ones, such services are generally provided on a peruse basis by business centers, whose tenants are generally short-term. That's resident in Köllmann's buildings.

"Outsourcing has become a dominant trend in the world's business community," says Mr. Bourgett. "For it to ants. work, this outsourcing is dependent upon a continuity and reliability of supworking relationships with us."

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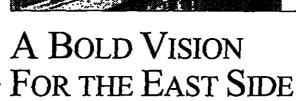
A large number of the corporate tenants of the company's properties are cluster of software compa-ducting

"That's only natural," points out Martina Helten, key account manager at Köllmann. "After finding office space, the first steps taken by non-German Should they wish, companies resident companies when setting up shop in the country are to recruit personnel, secure offices. official approvals and find housing for staff members. In so doing, they often have to overcome two difficulties: they don't know the country and, in some cases, they don't know the language. We're happy to overcome all these difficulties for them."

As she points out, these services are nies' employees. Our approach is to provided on an "as-needed" basis. We're flexible and customer-oriented at Köllmann," says Ms. Helten. "Which services we're providing at any given time is determined by our resident companies' current needs."

This flexibility is built into City Carré in complete contrast to the companies itself. "With nine floors, we have ample space," she adds, "The space on these floors can be configured to meet the individual wishes and needs of its ten-

This is an essential attribute. Companies arriving in Berlin display a wide ply. That's why our tenant-customers range of needs for office space. And are interested in setting up long-term once set up, their operations have a tendency to grow and diversify. These This approach may be new to Berlin, factors preclude their being locked into



A postindustrial center is nearing completion.

proach contains great risks entwicklungsgesellschaft and the potential for even mbH, a subsidiary. greater rewards. It's been done over and over again, in visions, it's one of the bolder places ranging from Pitts- ones. It's also one well on its burgh's industrial core to way to realization, at least as Hamburg's Speicherstadt. far as Oberbaum City and its

could be."

Hugo Gensler have very pletion by 2000. much taken the second apfrom both.

The district is situated just east of Mitte, Berlin's old and growing companies. new downtown. Passing through Friedrichshain are the Spree River as well as Generally seven or eight stomajor rail lines and roads. ries high, its buildings are Situated on or near these arrayed in parallel and pertransport arteries are a num- pendicular rows. The resultber of sprawling, venerable ing interior squares are cenindustrial and logistical com- ters of greenery and light. plexes. One of them was nicknamed the "City of Light," a reference to its Developing the project has later, electric lightbuibs.

Oberbaum City — as it has the project through a wide been renamed in reference to range of building plan apa well-known bridge near the proval and landmark presersite - is to house a major vation processes, and connics, industrial designers and environmental and architecproviders of technical ser- tural revampings. This last vices. The warehouses and storage rooms contained in original parts of the facility the strip of buildings located between the city and the Spree are to become lofts and

🕆 isbert Dreyer, the · Friedrichshain is to bemanaging director of come Berlin's "new east the Munich-based side," what Mr. Gensler calls Hypo-Real Immobilien- und "a metropolis of postindusapproaching real estate de- agglomeration, a flank of velopment. "You can devel- companies supplying intelliop a property located in an gent services to the seats of area of proven attraction," he administration and business points out, "or you can select located to the district's ima property in an unproven mediate west — and to points area and, in developing your beyond." Hypo-Real is property, transform the re- channeling its activities at gion as a whole into a sought- Oberbaum City through Siriafter location. The latter ap- us Immobilien- und Projekt-

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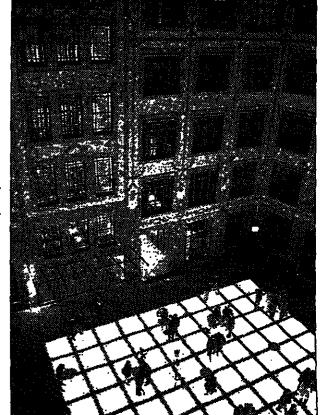
In a city replete with bold It's definitely not something adjoining areas are con-for short-termers, or cerned Two of the city's six someone lacking a clear vi- interconnecting structures sion of what the property have already been completed final completion of the complex scheduled for 2000. and a third will follow in autumn 1998, with a fourth to City, Mr. Dreyer and the come early in 1999. The encompany he heads with tire project is set for com-

The buildings already proach. Covering 46,000 house the International square meters, the city is lo- Design Center, currently cated in the castern reaches holding a blockbuster exhibof Friedrichshain, a district ition of contemporary known throughout its 100- design, "Sense and Form," year history for its central put together by Richard Saplocation, good transport links per, the world-famous expert and the large number of man- on design, as well as such ufacturing facilities profiting high-profile ICT companies as Acotec, which ranks among Europe's fastest-

> This city-within-a-city has an urban grid all its own.

Total rehab

main product over the past entailed finding a new home two centuries: gas lamps and, for the lightbulb manufac-In Hypo-Real's vision, part of the site, shepherding thoroughgoing was so extensive that the only its Gründerzeit (Germany's golden age at the turn of the 20th century) facades.



Two of Oberbaum City's structures have now been finished, with

completely rejuvenated, in- interesting people and culcluding Oberbaum City's ture close at hand." roads, its communications The presence of such backbone — even its gar-dens. The buildings have al Design Center and Acotec been redesigned by such fa- in Oberbaum City is any-

of the Age of Industry and the build a great complex and sit 21st century."

As Mr. Gensler explains, of cultural and technological activity. He says: launched this project with a Langian atmosphere very clear idea of who our For instance, there was the

puter programs, industrial months in 1997. designs and other electronic. Hypo-Real exc technical or artistic content. Thanks to our years of exmarket studies carried out on and feels creative, isn't daily described them.

Everything else is new or sterile, and has good food,

mous architects as the Ham- thing but a matter of hapburg-based Schweger & penstance. "We set out to create a core around which The final product is a com- our cluster could coalesce," plex whose ambiance, in Mr. says Mr. Drever. "Doing so Dreyer's words, "is a meld of has involved a judicious the comforting solidity and amount of selective recruitold-fashioned spaciousness ing. Nowadays, you can't

glass-produced airy open- on your hands waiting for the ness now becoming the tenants to come. You have to trademark of the turn of the go out and sing its praises to your potential customers." The presence of such cutthis ambiance is probably the ting-edge companies and in-

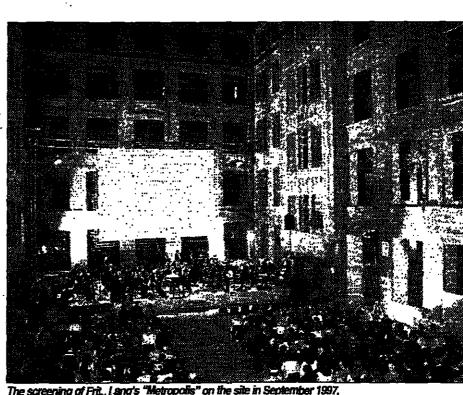
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turer previously occupying potential clients were and are matter of the facades, which companies providing stood in splendid, brooding multimedia displays, com- solitude on the site for several

Hypo-Real executives noticed that the brick facades were arousing interest perience in developing such among the tens of thousands projects and to the extensive people commuting past the site every day. This interest original parts of the facility our behalf, we knew what was shared by the city's in-left are the red bricks forming such companies look for tellectuals. "A wonderfully when selecting a new home. weird, Fritz Lang-like They want a place that looks charm" is how one Berlin

> Consequently, Hypo-Real organized an artistic event on the site in September 1997. "Metropolis." Fritz Lang's great masterpiece, was screened in the midst of the squares of facades, with accompaniment from a live orchestra.

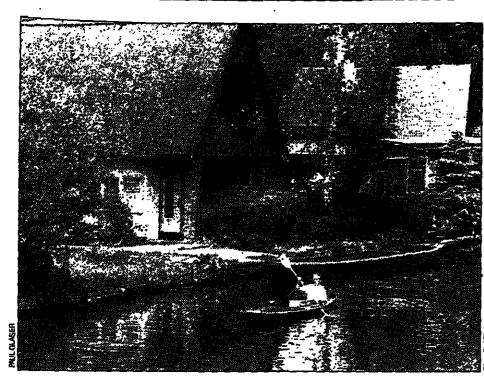
> Hypo-Real is a subsidiary of the Munich-based Baycrische Hypotheken- und Wechsel-Bank AG, one of Germany's largest banks, now in the process of merging with Bayerische Vereinsbank. Hypo-Real is involved in all areas of real estate. The company develops, manages and markets buildings and properties. It also manages real estate funds and corporate portfolios of properties. It is active in a number of major projects in Berlin, including the Park Colonnades. The villa-like office buildings are situated on Potsdamer Plaiz.

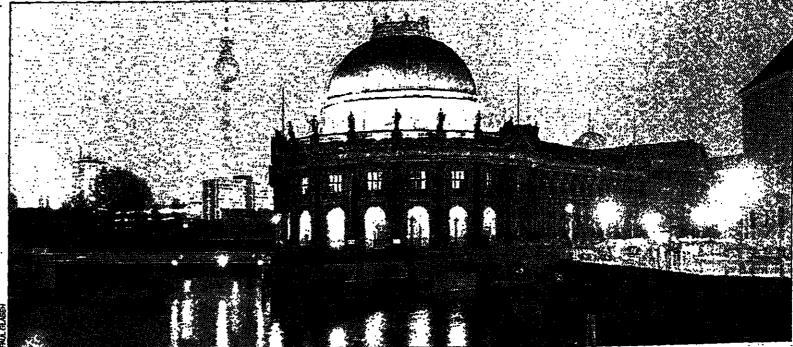


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In Berlin, sustenance for the spirit is never far away, from the tranquil waters of the Spreewald (top left) to the great collections housed on "Museum Island" in east Berlin (top right) and the Philhermonic on the Kemperplatz (right).

NIGHTLIFE NEIGHBORHOODS TO PICK AND CHOOSE FROM

of sorts - Alexanderplatz, the square ringed by Stalinist skyscrapers. Today's east has the Friedrichstrasse/Unter den Linden area. dozens of blocks of glittering new department stores, hotels and office buildings.

This area is going head-to-head for customer patronage with the west's Kurfürstendamm/Tauentzien artery. Berlin's answer to Fifth Avenue. Both of these areas are competing for business with the malls springing up on the city's periphery and with such wellrooted, rejuvenated local shopping areas as Steglitz and Pankow.

Shoppers in Berlin face an embarrassment of options. It's even worse for club-goers. Although supporters of "36 Kreuzberg" (a reference to the area's former postal code) would take vociferous issue with this statement, the "in" places in Berlin are definitely in the east - Mitte and Prenzlauer Berg. Mitte's Oranienburgerstrasse and Prenzlauer Berg's Kollwitzplatz are jam-packed with relatively new, very chic clubs,

"Actually. I very rarely go out in Mitte or Prenzlauer Berg anymore." says Jördis Oehmo, a 20-year-old student of marketing communications and resident of the latter area. "Too many tourists. Friedrichshain [a despite strong competition from arch-rival district in eastern Berlin, to the west of Munich, the number-one destination in Ger-Prenziauer Berg] or Treptow and many other many. •

old War East Berlin had a downtown areas are happening places at the moment: of sorts — Alexanderplatz, the square Treptow because of the 'Insel'."

Treptow is a rather anonymous district situated well to the east of downtown Berlin. Insel is German for island, and that's precisely what this cultural center is. Once the meeting hall of Freie Deutsche Jugend, East Germany's communist youth movement, the facility is surrounded by a natural moat - the Spree River.

There are dozens of similar nightspots in Berlin." says Johannes Bethge, another young Berliner. "Each district has several of them. And, for me, that's the true trend at the moment. The choice of venues has become so overpoweringly great that it's ridiculous to speak of a single district being in. Rather, it's a matter of all districts offering a lot to do. so much that it's often impossible to select from among them.

The abundance probably explains Berlin's enduring appeal. When the Berlin Wall fell, many observers predicted that the city's tourist trade would collapse with it, since the wall had been the city's leading attraction.

Instead, tourism has remained strong. In 1997, the city recorded some 8 million overnight stays, up 8 percent over 1996. The figure is a record and is keeping Berlin.

DOUBLE DOSE OF CULTURE

History has given Berlin more than its share of museums and campuses.

Berlin, each the largest hub of national cultural activity and intellectual life. The governments of the two Germanys systematically built up their half-cities into full-fledged metropolises. Today the city, whole again, has two, sometimes three and even four of everything.

important role in the field of al Gallery, new Picture Gal- mark (\$5.6 billion) complex visual arts. Says Wolfgang lery (which opened June 12). being developed in Berlin's Werner, proprietor of the Museum of the Applied Arts southeast corner. • downtown gallery of the same name: "Many of Germany's great artists, includ-ing Paula Modersohn-Beckceeding onward to Paris, New York and international fame.

In pre-World War II Berlin, the Pergamon, Bode and other major museums were all clustered on an island in seum island" was - and is It all goes by the name "susin East Berlin, next to Humboldt University and the city's two opera houses. soon had an important museum complex of its own --

■ he Cold War created Dahlem, with nine museums. and State Library. It is lotwo "half-cities" in including the old Picture Gal- cated on what was wasteland lery. Also located in this dis- in the Cold War years - the in its country, and each the trict was the city's new Free open spaces bordering the University.

The government of West Berlin also devoted itself to leaving the city with three its downtown district, building a new opera house and technical university there, puses. A fourth is on its way: They were soon followed by what would become the Kul-sity's science departments turforum, now the site of the are being relocated to Adlers-Berlin has long played an city's Philharmonic, Nation- hof, a 10 billion Deutsche

Berlin Wall.

The wall has come down, groupings of cultural institutions and three major cam-Many of Humboldt Univer-

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WEIGHTY NEW RESIDENTS FLOCK TO THE FEDERAL BELT

he move of Germany's federal govservants to the city's population.

Another 40,000 diplomats, lobbyists, journalists, lawyers and other professionals will be arriving along with the federal

All told, some 150 embassies, 35 major business associations and organizations news-gathering organizations have already cupied before World War II. announced their plans to relocate from Bonn — as well as Cologne. Munich. Frankfurt and other major German cities to Berlin or to set up entirely new facilities

Many of the newcomers are settling in cr. whose exhibition we're ernment from Bonn to Berlin will the Federal Belt, a ring of newly con-result in a net addition of 8,000 civil structed or renovated buildings around the lin for finishing before pro-Brandenburg Gate, extending some 3 kilometers (2 miles) outward.

They will share the center of the belt with 10 ministries, the office of the chancellor, the president's residence and a host of other official buildings.

Twenty-five of the embassies didn't (and hundreds of smaller ones), six polit- have to look for new facilities at all; they the Spree River. The "mu- Long-term vision ical parties, dozens of trade unions and 120 merely returned to the ones they had oc-

Many of these are located in the Diplomats' Quarter, which covers part of the Tiergarten district's southern reaches. Oth- After the war, West Berlin on Environment and Devel- deavoring to re-engineer its or embassies have joined them in this verdant parkside area. •

CLEANER, GREENER DEVELOPMENT

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to live in and provide gainful employment for local resiflow of people and goods through the city.

tainable development." term dating back to 1992's opment. Held in Rio de

The agenda has 40 individual chapters. Number 28 calls upon the world's com-

Berlin has been quick to respond. By now, all of its 23 districts have drawn up and ies, the re-engineering of the dents, thus minimizing the are now implementing am-environment is not only a International voices bitious programs promoting the use of regenerative sources of energy, educating local residents in the proper way to avoid and separate

waste and much more. Berlin is not the only mu-United Nations Conference nicipality currently enthe world's cities are facing Janeiro, the conference produced Agenda 21, its call to the interrelated challenges of minimizing pollution and Europe" conference. maximizing environmentally and economically sustain-

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To be held in Berlin Sept. 9-12, the conference will able growth -- tew more delve into such subjects as munities to come up with pressingly than the cities of how best to enlist the private gram.

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kicked off in September 1997. Like its predecessors, the conference will take as its theme the city and how best to manage it.

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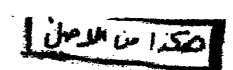
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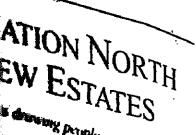
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Hasek Is Honored

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HOCKEY Dominik Hasek, the Buffalo Sabres' goalie, was voted the Lester Pearson Award as the NHL's best player for the second straight year by his fellow players.
The award is given by the NHL

Players' Association, which made announcement Thursday. Hasek was also a favorite to win the Hart Trophy as the league's Most Valuable Player at an NHL awards gala Thursday night. He also won

the Hart last season.

The Sabres had a 33-23-13 record with Hasek in goal this past season, and he had a 2.09 goalsagainst average and a .932 save percentage. He led Buffalo into the Eastern Conference finals where it lost to the Washington Capitals.

• Eric Lindros, who could have become a free agent next week, signed an \$8.5 million contract that will keep him with the Philadelphia Flyers next season.

Eagleson Granted Parole

HOCKEY Alan Eagleson, once one of the most powerful men in pro hockey, was granted parole Thursday after serving one-third of an 18-month jail term for fraud.

The 65-year-old Eagleson is to be released from his Toronto-area prison on July 7, corrections officials said after a hearing.

Eagleson, a former head of the NHL Players Association, pleaded guilty to three counts of fraud and theft on Jan. 6 in Boston and was fined \$1 million. The next day, he pleaded guilty to three counts of fraud in Toronto, agreeing in a plea bargain to an 18-month jail sen-

Early Exit for Moya As Arazi Dominates

Agassi, Struggling, Falls to 20-Year-Old Haas

By Jennifer Frey Special to the Herald Tribune

WIMBLEDON, England - Carlos Moya all but laughed at his chances of winning Wimbledon shortly after he won the French Open earlier this month. On Thursday, Moya fulfilled his own prophecy by losing his second-round match at the All England Lawn Tennis

A clay-court player with limited ex-perience on grass, Moya lost by 4-6, 6-4, 6-3, 6-4 to Hicham Arazi, a Moroccan

ranked 59th in the world. Moya was followed on Centre Court by a man who truly believed he had a shot at winning here - Andre Agassi of

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the United States, the 1992 Wimbledon champion and, at age 28, a player who can still give almost any opponent chills no matter where he sits in the world

But Agassi found his stay at Wimbledon no longer-lasting than Moya's. Playing the conclusion of a match suspended by darkness on Wednesday, Agassi lost to 20-year-old Tommy Haas, 4-6, 6-1, 7-6 (7-4), 6-4.

"Quite honestly, I didn't feel like I deserved to win it," said Agassi, who is ranked 19th in the world but was the No. 13 seed here. "I didn't do what I needed to do. Honestly, right now I feel I have a lot more to do with these defeats than my opponents."

Agassi named Richard Krajicek the No. 9 seed who won his secondround match in straight sets Thursday

- as his favorite to win here. The men's field has lost a string of seeded players this week. Among the others to be defeated were No. 2 Marcelo Rios, No. 7 Yevgeni Kafelnikov

"The guys who lose were the guys who were supposed to lose," said Krajicek, who loves Wimbledon's grass

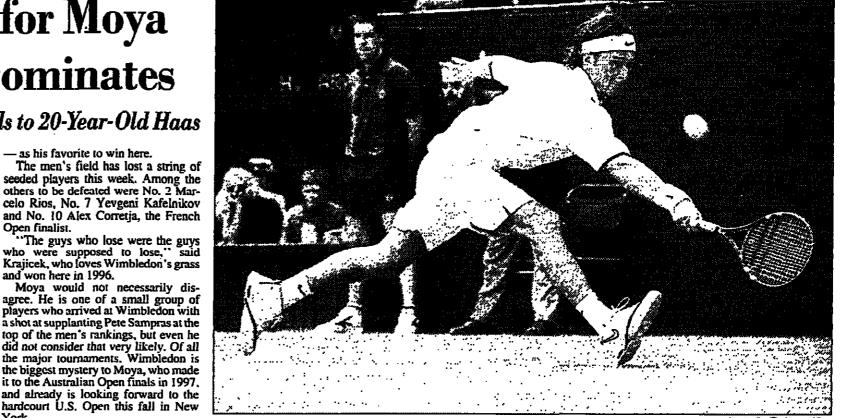
and won here in 1996. Moya would not necessarily disagree. He is one of a small group of players who arrived at Wimbledon with a shot at supplanting Pete Sampras at the top of the men's rankings, but even he did not consider that very likely. Of all the major tournaments. Wimbledon is the biggest mystery to Moya, who made it to the Australian Open finals in 1997, and already is looking forward to the hardcourt U.S. Open this fall in New

"You know, if I win Wimbledon, I'll be No. I, huh?" Moya said after win-ning the French. "You never know. I don't think it's going to be the case. I'm going there just to learn to play good tennis, to improve my game there. My next goal will be the U.S. Open."

What Moya, the student, learned at Wimbledon is a lesson that has been absorbed, painfully, by many French Open champions: It is not easy to adjust to a different surface in so short a time

The last man to follow a French Open title with a victory at Wimbledon was Bjorn Borg, who won both tournaments in 1978, 1979 and 1980.

Last year's French Open champion, Gustavo Kuerten of Brazil, fell to Justin



Carlos Moya of Spain stretching to make a backhand return to Hicham Arazi of Morocco, who won in 4 sets.

Gimelstob in a first-round Wimbledon match. And Kafelnikov did no better in 1996, arriving here still glowing from the French, only to go down in defeat immediately to England's own Tim

Moya is ranked No. 4 in the world but was seeded fifth at Wimbledon behind Greg Rusedski, the world No. 5 who withdrew from the tournament on Wednesday with an ankle injury. In making that seeding decision, tournament officials surely took note of the fact that the 21-year-old Moya had played just seven career matches on grass prior to his arrival at this tournament, winning just two. He appeared no more con-

fortable here on Thursday. "I lost confidence," Moya said. "I

didn't go to the net.' Agassi appeared confident when he took the court for the fourth set of a

match that he trailed by two sets to one when play was called Wednesday. He broke Haas immediately and went up by 3-1 before the young German rallied and took advantage of several Agassi "It's a very special win for me,"

Hass said, referring to his opponent, "because he won Wimbledon in 1992, and for me I can say I beat Andre Agassi, a former No. 1 who has won a couple of

■ Hingis and Novotna Advance

Martina Hingis, the No. 1 seed, and Jana Novotna, the No. 3, both won their second-round matches in straight sets, and Jennifer Capriati watched her comeback bid end with a second-round loss to a fellow American, Lori McNeil.

But the most impressive performance of the afternoon came from the 16-yearold Serena Williams, who faced another teenage phenomenon, Mirjana Lucic, and simply blew her off the court.

Williams, whose sister, Venus, also was scheduled to play a second-round match Thursday, took just 49 minutes to beat the 16-year-old Croatian, 6-3, 6-0.

Olowokandi Is Top NBA Draft Pick Clippers Grab Nigerian-Born Center Amid Flurry of Dealing

By Mike Wise

New York Times Service VANCOUVER, British Columbia -His skill was hard to gauge, given that he had played only 77 games in his life. But Michael Olowokandi's size alone -7 feet 1 inch (2.2 meters), 265 pounds (120 kilograms) - made it impossible for the team with the No. 1 pick, the Los Angeles Clippers, to stubbornly choose

The Clippers finally decided that Olowokandi's potential held more promise than anything that the University of Arizona's guard, Mike Bibby. Dirk Nowitzki of Germany (chosen could offer.

Completing an improbable odyssev that began in 1995 when he gave up playing the sport recreationally in a London courtyard and came west to University of the Pacific, a private California school chosen blindly from a library book, Olowokandi was plucked first by the Clippers in the 1998 Na-tional Basketball Association draft at GM Place on Wednesday night.

"Seeing my name at the No. 1 spot still is unbelievable, especially when overall, by Seattle. you consider where I came from about three years ago." the Nigerian-born, 23year-old Olowokandi said. "Having not played basketball and having not gotten a move that may dramatically alter Easta lot of national recognition. And then to

Olowokandi's last-minute ascent to No. 1 — Bibby was taken No. 2 by the Vancouver Grizzlies — lent intrigue to a draft short on impact players and long formia, the 44th pick, and cash, to Toronto

on unknown talents. Eight first-round for the forward Marcus Camby. picks were traded in a flurry of deals on Wednesday night that spiced up one of the more bland talent pools in recent

The Grizzlies made noise, trading Antonio Daniels, the fourth pick last season, to the San Antonio Spurs for Carl Herrera and the rights to Felipe Lopez, the St. John's star who was taken 24th by the Spurs.

Lopez, born in the Dominican Republic, was one of six players born outside United States to be drafted in the first round, following Olowokandi, ninth by Milwaukee), Radoslav Nesterovic of Slovenia (taken 17th by Minnesota) and Mirsad Turkcan of Turkey (taken 18th by Houston). Vladimir Stepania of the Republic of Georgia was

taken 27th by Seattle. Al Harrington, the 6-9 forward from Elizabeth, New Jersey, was taken 25th by the Indiana Pacers. He was the first high-school player taken, ahead of Rashard Lewis from Alief, Texas, who was taken in the second round, No. 32

Don Nelson sent players to and fro in Dallas, finally winding up with the Phoenix point guard Steve Nash. And in ern Conference frontlines, the New York Knicks worked out a deal to move Charles Oakley, the Madison Square Garden favorite and veteran power forward, along with Sean Marks of Cali-

One Knick who requested anonymity said Wednesday night that he was "shocked that the organization would trade Oakley." The Knicks' president, Ernie Grunfeld, when asked if he had considered Oakley's popularity before making the deal, said: "We have to do what we have to do for our team."

The Mavericks traded the sixth pick, the mammoth forward Robert Traylor of Michigan, to Milwaukee for the draft rights to the Nowitzki and Notre Dame's Pat Garrity (the 19th pick), Dallas then sent Garrity, the forward Martin Muursepp, the guard Bubba Wells and its own first-round pick in 1999 to Phoenix for Nash.

The Denver Nuggets traded Tyronn Lue of Nebraska, chosen at No. 23, and Tony Battie to the Los Angeles Lakers for Nick Van Exel.

Among other surprises. Denver became one of several teams to pass on the Kansas swingman Paul Pierce, who fell from one of the top three picks all the way to the Boston Celtics at No. 10. And the Kentucky center Nazr Mohammed plummeted to the Utah Jazz at No. 29. and was then traded to Philadelphia for future considerations.

Instead of Pierce, the Nuggets took his teammate, the Kansas power for-ward Raef LaFrentz, at No. 3. The Raptors selected North Carolina's Antawn Jamison with the fourth pick, and the Golden State Warriors chose his Tar Heel teammate, Vince Carter, with the pick, Philadelphia took the 19-year-old fifth pick. But the Raptors, knowing the St. Louis shooting guard Larry Hughes. Game 5 of the 1969 World Series.



Commissioner David Stern welcoming Michael Olowokandi to the NBA after the center was chosen.

Warriors wanted Jamison all along, then traded Jamison to Golden State for Carter plus cash.

After Traylor, the Florida point guard Jason Williams was selected seventh by the Sacramento Kings. With the eighth

Homers Go for Naught

The Associated Press

Sammy Sosa and Mark McGwire care about only one set of numbers final scores. Everything else is a waste

They both came up short Wednesday night. Sosa's Chicago Cubs wasted his record-tying homer in a 7-6, 11-inning

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loss at Detroit, and McGwire's leagueleading 34th homer was St. Louis's only highlight in a 14-3 loss at Cleveland.

'It's really insignificant," McGwire said of his first homer in 18 at-bats, a solo blast off Jaret Wright in the fourth inning. We got a real beating tonight.

Sosa hit his 31st homer and 18th in June in the first inning to match the mark for one month set by Detroit's Rudy York in August 1937, and break the NL record of 17 set by San Francisco's Willie Mays in August 1965.

Sosa has 11 homers in 12 games, and 22 in 25 games, but Chicago has lost four straight and 11 of 15. Yankees 10, Braves 6 In Atlanta, Dav-

id Cone allowed five hits in seven innings and Joe Girardi had three hits and two RBIs for New York. Mariners 2, Padres 1 Ken Griffey Jr.

hit his 30th home run and Seattle's ace, Randy Johnson, struck out 12 and reached base twice in San Diego. Mets 6, Orioles 3 Rick Reed pitched

seven solid innings and Mike Piazza had three hits and a home run for New York in Baltimore's first game in Shea Stadium against the Mets since losing

Blue Jays 7, Expos 6 In Montreal, Roger Clemens picked up his first victory in five interleague starts as Toronto won its fourth straight.

Marins 8, Devil Rays 4 Derrek Lee hit a three-run homer and drove in four runs in Florida's victory at home over a former Marlins' pitcher, Tony Saunders (1-8). White Sox 4, Reds 2 Frank Thomas

and Magglio Ordonez homered and Ray Durham matched his career high with four hits as Chicago handed visiting Cincinnati its 11th consecutive loss.

Phillies 11, Red Sox 8 In Philadelphia, Mike Lieberthal had three RBIs as the Phillies tied their season high for runs and won their fourth straight game. Dodgers 6, Angels 5 Trenidad Hub-

bard's RBI single in the 11th gave the new Los Angeles manager. Glenn Hoffman, his first victory in three tries since replacing Bill Russell.

Brewers 3, Twins 1 In Minneapolis, Jeromy Burnitz hit his 17th home run and Milwaukee's Steve Woodard held Minnesota to one run in 51/3 innings. Athletics 7, Giants 6 Matt Stairs's

pinch-hit grand slam in the eighth lifted visiting Oakland past San Francisco.

Rangers 3, Diamondbacks 2 In Phoenix, Juan Gonzalez drove in two runs to increase his major league-leading total to 93, and Rick Helling (11-3) tied his teammate, Aaron Sele, for the

major-league lead in victories. Pirates 10, Royals 3 In Kansas City, Kevin Young had three of Pittsburgh's season-high 19 hits and Mark Smith and Jose Guillen homered for the Pirates.

Rockies 8, Astros 6 Dante Bichette and Todd Helton homered as Colorado overcame a six-run deficit at home.

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F. Notre Dame. 20. Atlanta, Roshown McLeod, F. Duke. 21. Charlotte, Ricky Davis, F. lowa. 22. Los Angeles Cippers (from Miami), Brian Skinner, F. Baylor. 23. c-Denver (from Phoenix), Tyronn Lue, G.

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G. Rhade Island.

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to Minuthee for rights to C Dirk Nowtheel and F Pat Garrity. Delias tracked F Martin Muursepp, G-F Bubbs Wells and rights to F Pat Garrity and 1999 1st-round draft selection to Phoenix for G Stave Nash.

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Derwer for F Tony Battle and rights to G
Tyroon Lus.

d-San Antonio traded F Carl Herrers and

to Philadelphia for future 1st-round draft l-Atlanta traded rights to G Cory Carr and its 1999 and 2000 2d-round draft select to Chicago for rights to G Shammond facet

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WEDNESDAY IN LONDON MEM'S SIMOLES FIRST BOUND

Jan Siemerini, Netherlands, def. Slava Dosedel, Czech R. 6-1, 6-4, 7-6 (7-3). Richard Krajicak, (9), Neth., def. Brett Steven, N. Zeal, 6-3, 7-4 (9-7), 4-6, 6-2. Franca Squillari, Argentina, def. Mariano Doseba. Franco Squillan, Argentina, det. Manano Puenta, Argentina, 6-7 (5-7), 6-3, 7-5, 6-4. Francisco Clavet, Sp., def. Marcelo Rios (2), Chi., 6-3, 3-6, 7-5, 3-6, 6-3, Dhu Pescariu, Rorm, def. Neville Godwin, S. AJ., 6-4, 6-2, 6-3, Marc Rosset, Switz, def. Cedric Pioline (8), France, 6-4, 3-6, 4-6, 7-6, (7-5), 13-11. SECOND ROUND
Daniele Bracciali, Italy, def. Bohdan
Ulihrach, Czech R. 6-4, 6-4, 3-6, 6-2.
Petr Kordo (3), Czech R. def. Filip Dewulf.

Belgium, 6-4, 6-3, 6-2. Sebastien Grosjean, France, del. Brian MacPhie U.S. 6-4 3-6-6-1, 6-4 MOCTHE U.S. 64.3-6-1, 64.
Thomas Engvist. Sweden, def. Scott
Droper, Australia, 6-7 (5-7), 6-1, 6-4, 6-3.
Mark Woodforde, Australia, def. Justin
Gimelstob, U.S. 2-6, 6-1, 6-4, 6-4.
Feitx Martillo (16), Spain, def. Radomir
Vasek, Czech R. 7-6 (7-4), 3-6, 6-3, 6-4.
Mark Phillippresses, Australia, def. Alex Mark Philippoussis, Australia, def. Alex O'Brien, U.S., 6-7 (3-7), 6-4, 7-6 (7-2), 6-3. Jerome Galmard, France, def. Nicolas Es-cude, France, 6-3, 6-4, 4-6, 7-6 (8-6). Jason Stoffenberg, Australia, def. Jeff Tarango, U.S., 6-4, 2-6, 6-2, 6-7 (3-7), 6-3. Patrick Rotter (6), Australia, det. Tamas Nydahl, Sweden, 7-6 (7-3), 6-2, 7-6 (7-3).

WOMEN'S SPIGLES FIRST ROUSED

Shi-Ting Wang. Talwan, def. Kristina
Brandt, U.S., 7-6 (7-4), 7-5.

SECOND BOUND Notesha Zvereva, Belorus, del. Nona Aliyogi, Jopan, 6-1, 6-3: Mainam Oremans, Netherlands, def. Asa Carisson, Sweden, 6-2, 6-3. Sandrine Testud (14), Fr., def. Seda Noor-Index, Nethe-2, 6-1, 1-1, 1ndesy Dovernoort (2), U.S., del. Larisa Nelland, Larisa, 6-1, 7-5, Manica Setes (6), U.S., def. Alexandro Funder, Fr. A.1-1, Mania Alexandro Funder, Fr. A.1-1, Mania Alexandro Funder, Fr. A.1-1, Mania Alexandro Funder, Mania Alexandro Funder sol, Fr., 6-1, 6-1; Maria Alejandra Vento, Ven., del. Naoko Krimirto, Japon, 6-0, 7-5. Samantha Smith, Britain, det. Manana Diaz Oliva, Arg., 6-1, 6-3; Nathalie Tauziat (16), France, def. Iva Majok, Cro., 6-0, 6-1.

THURSDAY RESULTS Dominique Van Roost (15), Belgium, dei. Anno Millor, U.S., 6-1, 6-1; Sylvio Pischio. Austria, dei. Jamet Lee, Taiwan, 6-2, 6-0. Martina Hingis (1), Switz., dei. Eland Akakarava, Rus., 7-6 (7-2), 6-4; Magui Sema, Spain, def. Rifa Grande, Italy, 6-4, 6-1. Sabine Appelmans, Belgrum, def. Louise Latimer, Britain, 6-1, 6-4. no Pascual, Spain, def. Kimperty Po, U.S., 6-2, 6-4. no. Fronce. 6-3, 6-4. ım, Thoiland, def. Kar-

Tomorine Tonosugom, Tholland, def. Kar-en Cross, Britain, 6-2, 7-5. Carino Moraniu, U.S., del. Patricia Hy-Boulais, Canada, 7-5, 6-0. Julie Halard-Decugis, France, def. Alexia Dechaume-Balleret, France, 6-4, 7-6 (8-a). Markam de Swardt, South Africa, def. Elena Talarkova, Ulavine, 6-4, 7-6 (7-5). Lori MccNeil, U.S., def. Jenaffer Capricit, Lon Microen, U.S., Den, Jenamer Capnan, U.S. 4-6. 4-6-2 Jano Novohra (3). Czech R., def. Tatiana Panova, Russia, 6-3, 4-6. 6-1. Conchrin Morintez (8). Spoin, def. Kristle Boogert, Netherlands, 7-5, 7-5. Surine De Beer, S.Afr. def. Wang Shi-ling. Tiawan, 6-2, 4-6, 6-3: Elena Likhoviseva, Russia, def. Flora Perfetti, Italy, 6-4, 6-0. Serena Williams, U.S., def. Mirjana Luck,

Creatia, 6-3, 6-0. MEN'S SINGLES Hirham Arazi. Morocco. def. Carlos Moya

(S), Spain, 4-6, 6-4, 6-3, 6-4. Byron Black, Zimbabwe, def. Jan-Michael Gambill, U.S., 7-5, 6-4, 7-5. Gambill, U.S., 7-5, 6-4, 7-5, Tommy Hops. Gormany, def. Andre Agassi (13), U.S., 4-6, 6-1, 7-6 (7-4), 6-4, Davide Sanguinetti, Italy, def. Franco Squillari, Argentina, 6-1, 6-3, 6-2. John Van Lathum, Netherlands, del. Se-bastien Lareau, Conada. 6-2, 5-7, 6-4, 6-2. Magnus Gustafsson, Sweden, del. Michael Chang, U.S., 6-2, 5-7, 6-2, 1-4, 6-2. Jones Pictorista (1) Stuoden, del Stafsen.

Chong, U.S., 6-2, 5-7, 6-2, 1-6, 6-2.
Jonus Bjorkunan (11), Sweden, def. Siefano
Pescosolido, Italy, 4-6, 6-4, 6-4, 6-2.
Richard Kruincek (9), Netherlands, def.
Dinu Pescaria, Romania, 6-1, 6-3, 6-2.
Jon Siemerinik, Netherlands, def. David
Princell, Germany, 6-4, 6-7 (3-7), 6-4, 6-2.
Chris Wilkinson, Britan, def. Mark Rossel.
Switzerland, 6-4, 6-4, 7-6 (7-3).
Todd Martin 115, def. Mark Danner, Bus-Todd Martin, U.S., def. Mark Draper, Australia, 6-3, 7-5, 6-2. Vladimir Voltchkov, Belanus, def. Michael Tebbut, Australia 6-4, 6-3, 7-6 (7-4). on, Sweden, def. Vincent Spadea U.S. 7-5, 6-1, 6-3.

TRANSITIONS

BASEBALL AMERICAN LEAGUE
CLEVELAND—Claimed RHP Tim Worrell off ivers from Dotroit. Assigned OF Dave Roberts to Akron, E.L.

MINNESOTA—Signed LHP Ryon Mills.

OAKLAND—Added INF Bip Roberts
oster. Opilianed INF Mark Bellhorn to E Charleston, SAL. Assigned INF Luke Owen-Brugg to SI. Petersburg, FSL. TORONTO—Signed RHP Tyler Remirick and assigned him to Medicine Hat. of Pioneer

NATIONAL LEAGUE

CHICAGO Activated C Tyler Houston from Charile Hough pliching coach, and John Sheby bullpen coach. Named Joe Vavra minor league filed coordinator. ALLWAUKEE—Claimed RHP Dovid Weathers off waivers from Cincinnali.

MONTREAL—Recoiled INF Oriendo Cabrero from Ottawa, IL. Put INF Mike Mordecal
on 15-day disabled list

MILWAUKES-Claimed RHP David Weath ers off walvers from Cincinnati, MONTREAL—Recalled INF Orlando Cab-rera from Offawa, IL. Put INF Mike Mordecai on 15-day disabled list.
PHILADELPHIA—Waived OF Rex Hudler.
Recalled 1B-OF Jon Zuber from Scrunton-Wilkes-Barre, JL. str.cours—Agreed to terms with RHP Choc Hutchinson. Put LHP Kent Mercher on 15-

day disabled list retroactive to June 14.

BASKETBALL NATIONAL BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION PHOENIX—Bought rights to G Toby Bailer from L.A. Lakers for future considerations. FOOTBALL NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE

BALTIMORE—Signed WR Patrick Johnson to 3-year contract. to 3-year contract.

CHICASO—Signed TE Hayward Clay to 2-year contract and T Dave Rilat to 1-year contract. Named Owayne Joseph coords of player programs.
DEWYEN—Signed LB Sam Manuel.
DETROIT—Re-signed QB Chris Diffice.
MIAMI—Signed C Nothan Strikwerda to 3-

M.Y. JETS—Signed QB Visnay Testoverde to WFL EUROPE
MFLE-Suspended operations of England
Announced franchise in Berlin will begin play in 1999. COLLEGE
ALABAMA STATE—Named Freedo Freemon.

EAST CAROLINA—Named Dee Glisson womens basketboll coach. MICHIGAN TECH-Named Darla Innes warner's basketball cooch, Robb and G Kiritan Williams will not play mens basketball next season.

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4 Officials Held In Ticket Inquiry

Four senior officials at Prime Sports International, a U.S. company at the center of a World Cup ticket fraud investigation, were detained Thursday for questioning by Paris policemen.

The officials, who the police refused to identify, are being questioned after the company reported the burglary of 15,000 World Cup tickets from its Paris office last week. PSI said that thieves had scaled a heater and broken into a safe that contained the tickets.

But World Cup organizers questioned the burglary, saying that while PSI listed tickets for last week's match between France and Saudi Arabia among those stolen, a check at the Stade de France found the seats occupied with the ticket

One of 17 World Cup-approved travel agencies, PSI was already under investigation after a Madrid travel agency complained that it never received the 1,000 tickets it bought from PSI. (Reuers)

AEK Out of UEFA Cup

Greek club AEK Athens will not be allowed to participate in the UEFA Cup competition unless its ownership changes by July 1, the Greek Football Federation said

Greek officials said Marcus Studer, deputy secretary-general of UEFA, the governing body of European soccer, had notified them that AEK's owner, British investment firm ENIC, had chosen Slavia Prague, another team it owns, to participate in the UEFA Cup.

According to UEFA rules, if a firm owns more than one club, only one of them is eligible for each of the three main European Cup competitions.

Both AEK and Slavia qualified for the UEFA Cup. Ionikos, fifth in the Greek cham-

pionship standings last season will take AEK's place in the compe-

Brazilian Goes to Turkey

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Taffarel, 32, the Brazilian goalkeeper, has agreed to join Galatasaray, the Turkish champion, a club spokesman said Thursday.

The spokesman, Turgay Vadar, said the transfer fee for the Atletico Mineiro goalkeeper would be announced after the final contract was (Reuters)



AHEAD OF THE GAME — Brazil's Ronaldo and Aldair training Thursday near Paris.

WORLD CUP BRIEFS Under the Weight of Grief Jonk Still Plays His Game

Dutchman's Loss Puts Draw With Mexico in Context

By Rob Hughes International Herald Tribun

SAINT-ETIENNE, France — For Wim Jonk, the 31-year- old Dutch midfield pass master, all things are relative in life and death. In Saint-Etienne on Thursday, under perhaps an

appropriately sorrowful cloud, he began his day with thoughts far away in the village of Volendam, where they buried his best friend, Harry Kwakman.

NETHERLANDS 2, MEXICO 2

Even so, Jonk asked to be allowed to do his duty. He played 70 minutes for the Netherlands against Mexico in the falling rain, and while he was there, a pivotal player in the pass and move style that is classical Dutch football, his team was never troubled. Jonk is not an eye catching performer. Tall and upright, like a guardsman, his first thought is to

give the ball to a colleague.

He is always available, always serving, always has an eye on opening up the opposing defense with a pass that can be short or long but more often than not is precise. Against Mexico he smoothly anchored the team from a position between right wing and central midfield.

Jonk did not show his emotion during the game. His play was smooth, economical, concentrated and when he left the field, to a roar from the overwhelming majority of the crowd and a meaningful handshake from his coach Guus Hiddink, all was well with the clockwork Dutch Orange.

The team was coasting, two goals clear. Dennis Bergkamp, with marvelous invention, a flick-knife pass of almost languid ease, had created the opening goal after just four minutes. Phillip Cocu, discovering that life is a joy at center forward, alongside Bergkamp, simply glided onto this pass, ignored the challenge attempted by Claudio Suarez, and stroked the ball beyond the approach-

ing goalkeeper Jorge Campos.

The art is in the timing, and through this goal then a second of similar composure by Ronald De Boer in the 18th minute, the Dutch seemed to outclass Mexico. "Auld Lang Syne," chorused the mass of Dutchmen in orange, goodnight and goodbye Mexico.

For the rest of the time Jonk was on the pitch, the Dutch were in command. Indeed, there was a rhythm, a movement and a balance between the Times of London.

By Mike Penner

Los Angeles Times Service

Africa's soccer team, the once-proud "Bafana Batana (which means "the boys, the boys,") that

closed its World Cup on Wednesday with a 2-2 tie against winless Saudi Arabia, causing Coach Phil-

ippe Troussier to accuse his players of going

Or was it Troussier, who in effect resigned the day before when he told reporters he was out of

"The way I see my job doesn't correspond to what is going on in the South African squad," Troussier said on the eve of South Africa's Group

C finale in Bordeaux. "I wasn't hired to run a

holiday camp." Troussier, notoriously hard to please even in the best of times, was particularly

disgruntled about two players, Brendan Augustine and Naughty Mokoena, missing a Sunday practice

session after partying into the early-morning hours

Troussier promptly sent both players home,

complaining that only five members of the 22-man

South Africa squad were taking this World Cup

That was when the much-traveled Troussier,

"I already know where I'm headed - either an

English club or an African national team," he

who previously coached the national sides of Ni-

geria and Burkina Faso, announced he was headed

seriously. "The rest are tourists," he said.

elsewhere after the World Cup.

South Africa at the end of the World Cup?

through the motions?

the day before.

For South Africa and Its Coach,

A Bitter End to Cup Campaign

PARIS - Who quit on whom first? Was it South with a two-goal defeat of Denmark by France - to

Dutch that suggested this team, unlike the more gifted Johan Cruyff team of the 1970s, might win

the World Cup. In technique, they are masters. But in ternperament? So often that is what betrays the Dutch, and it did again in Saint-Etienne. Aware that a draw would suffice, and that they would qualify for Round 2 simply by avoiding defeat, the Dutch attempted to win without trying and without risking further cards from yet another irritably unconvincing referee.

Things began to go wrong once Jonk was withdrawn to the bench. Complacency seeped in, and the Mexicans have proved in every game that they have an incorrigible spirit. In both their previous matches the had come from behind.

Once the Dutch invitation was offered, Mexico swarmed forward like angry bees. The first Mexican goal was a leaping header in the 75th minute by a substitute, Ricardo Pelaez, the second came in the fourth minute of time added on by the officials. Its scorer, Luis Hernandez, harassed Jaap Stam from behind, took advantage of the big defender's casual attitude, and began a celebration of hysterical proportions by his countrymen on the field and in the stands.

I dread to think what went through the mind of Alex Ferguson, the Manchester United manager who negotiated a £10 million world record fee for a defender when he purchased Stam from PSV Eindhoven two months ago. There are many who think no defender on earth is worth that sum, and many who believe the soccer market is insane.

Ten Mexicans were dancing on Stam's misfortune. The exception was Ramon Ramirez who, four minutes earlier, was sent off for disputing referee Abdul Rahman Zeid's correct decision to deny Mexico a goal when Hernandez was offside. In Paris, it transpired that South Korea had held Belgium, i-i, and so all the passion spent and misspent, all the soccer pure and improper, was of no consequence.

The Netherlands and Mexico were destined to qualify whatever the result in their match. No one who saw the sour methods Belgium used to smother the Dutch will weep for that. And with Wim Jonk's week in mind, it is time we put a perspective on things. Soccer is a game, life is life.

Rob Hughes is Sports Correspondent of The

Wednesday's performance against Saudi Arabia

did nothing to dissuade Troussier. With South

Africa needing at least a two-goal victory - along

qualify for the second round, the Bafana Bafana

penalty kicks, salvaging a tie only when Shaun

Bartlett converted the game's third penalty kick in

coach was a bitter one. He blasted his players for

not playing as a unit, for not playing with enough desire, likening their effort to that most often

exhibited in a meaningless "friendly" match.
"I thought that today's match was the most

important for us, really the most important," he

said. "But not in one single case was there any

sense of the players playing as a team."

Asked to offer a possible explanation as to why,

Troussier said, paused and finally replied, "I've no

four weeks," Troussier said. "It's a group which has trouble living together. I don't know if I've

"It's the way they've evolved during the last

"They come for dinner, then they disperse or they look to see if I'm around so they can escape out the window. It was like that — a diverse,

Troussier, whose contract ended with Wed-

nesday's elimination, has bravely elected to fly back Friday with his squad to hold a news con-

ference in Johannesburg and explain the failure of

idea." Eventually, it came to him.

completely fragmented group.

even seen them playing cards together.

Troussier's final media briefing as South Africa

andered an early 1-u lead by



The Mexican midfielder Ramon Ramirez, right, vying with Wim Jonk of the Netherlands.

3d Draw Sinks Belgian Team

PARIS - Yoo Sang Chul stretched to knock in a free kick in the 71st minute Thursday, giving South Korea a 1-1 draw with Belgium.

The result ended Belgium's chances for moving thead since Mexico and the Netherlands played to a 2-2 draw in Saint-Etienne.

Belgium needed both a victory over South Korea, which already had been eliminated, and a Dutch victory over Mexico to advance to the

BELGIUM 1, SOUTH KOREA 1

second round. The Dutch needed only a draw to advance in Group E.

Belgium took the lead in the seventh minute when a header from Gordan Vidovic was blocked by a South Korean defender, only to be hammered past the diving goalkeeper, Kim Byung Ji, by Luc

But Belgium's hopes were deflated with 19 minutes remaining, when Ha Seok Ju lofted a free kick from the left and Yoo stretched to hit the ball with his right foot, beating several diving Belgian defenders on the far side of the goal box. It was South Korea's first World Cup point after two opening losses.

It was also Belgium's third draw in the first

game to advance and we could not," said the Belgian captain, Franky Van der Elst. "After a good start we fell back too quickly." Van der Elst is planning to retire from international soccer after playing in four World Cups.

Although already eliminated from the tournament, the South Koreans appeared determined to win their first match in five Cup appearances their last opportunity before playing co-host to the next World Cup with Japan in 2002.

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The South Korean coach, Kim Pyung Soek promoted after Cha Bum Kin was fired following the team's 5-0 loss to the Netherlands — made few changes to the starting lineup. His players defended tightly, broke quickly and shot as soon as they saw the Belgian goal.

But the team was frequently outmaneuvered by the experienced Belgians.

There were other chances on both sides. In the 22d minute, Seo Jung Won ran down a long pass but bungled his shot from 12 meters. The ball bounced off his shin and he shot past the post. Then, in the 51st minute, Nilis hit the crossbar from six meters after chesting down a cross in the box and swiveling around two defenders, Ha and Lee Sang Hun.
The Brazilian referee, Rezende de Freitas,

handed out yellow cards to Vital Borkelmans, Lea

Security Tightened for 2 Risky Matches

PARIS - British, French and German police forces were put on alert Thursday ahead of

matches involving Germany and England. German and British officers were screening people crossing into France near Lens, a northern town, where a policeman was bludgeoned by German fans after a match between Germany

and Yugoslavia. As many as 30,000 England fans were exected in Lens for Friday's game with Colombia. England fans were at the center of violence

in Marseille when their team played Tunisia.

More than 1,200 police have been deployed with another 1,000 in reserve.

In Montpellier, in the far south of France, 1,500 French officers were on the streets, ready

for the German fans who were expected for the Germany-Iran game on Thursday

Bars in Montpellier were told to close early and in Lens not to serve alcohol at all. Stores in

both towns have been forbidden to sell al-

The German Interior Ministry said its border units had checked some 10,000 people crossing the frontier into France and that 14 suspected troublemakers had been stopped. The French press reported that German hoo-

ligans were heading to Lens to fight the Eng-Superintendent Kenny Scott, a Scottish police

liaison officer in France for the competition. said: "It's all rumor and conjecture." He also said Internet sités urging German

hooligans to show up in Lens did not mean anyone would do so.

 A young Austrian who took close-up pictures of a brutal attack on a French policeman after a World Cup match on Sunday was released without charge after about 30 hours in custody, justice sources said on Thursday. They said he had "cooperated totally."

Stop All the Carping: Referees Doing a Good Job, Says FIFA Official in post-match reviews, according to David "The overall standard remains high -Instant replay to backstop calls would PARIS - The whipping boys of the Will, the head of refereeing for FIFA, higher than in the United States, to be World Cup heard unaccustomed praise

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nament's most debated decisions was right on the money. Referees, blasted over the last few days by everyone from players to government officials, were defended by their top supervisor for making the right calls in the

overwhelming majority of cases. Criticism continued in the wake of borderline calls in key matches. The leader of African soccer said teams from the continent were made to feel like "undesirables." Tournament leaders, however, said the mistakes that occurred had been

Of the first 40 games, all but three

world soccer's governing body. The below-par games were not identified but Will said they were not affected by red cards or single borderline calls.

"Of course, there have been mistakes," Will said. "It is absolutely impossible to go through 40 matches without there be-

Will said the last World Cup in 1994 in the United States produced four unsatisfactorily refereed matches, all in the first round when there were fewer games than in this edition.

Overall, referees are averaging grades of 8.3 out of 10, with the grades rising in the last week, Will said. Most have received 8 or 9, a solid "B."

"We remain generally satisfied with featured acceptable officiating, as found the performance of the referees," he said, the benefit of replays from five angles."

sure." He said the grades would be used in picking refs for later rounds.

"Of course, it depends on perfor-mance," he said. "We are looking for calls that are strong, good, effective and proper. We will retain good referees. We have more than enough to make that an

sy choice."
Will's comments at a news conference came amid a torrent of criticism of the referees. Players and coaches said they were inconsistent. FIFA president Joseph Blatter said they were too soft on hard fouls. A government minister in Cameroon said

they were part of an anti-African plot. Will said they were doing their job well.
"The referees play it straight," he said.
"They call it as they see it. They don't have

not work in soccer, except perhaps on goals, because of the constant flow of the game, Will said. But he added that replays found evidence to support one of the most argued calls of the Cup.
Esse Baharmast of the United States

called a foul on Junior Baiano of Brazil that set up the winning penalty kick in Norway's 2-1 victory Tuesday. That moved Norway into the second round and eliminated Morocco, a 3-0 winner over Scotland. Initial replays failed to show a clear

foul. But Will pointed to photos taken from the Norwegian television network NRK, and distributed on NRK's web site. that show Baiano grabbing the jersey of the Norwegian player Tore Andre Flo in the penalty area. Footage shot from behind the goal by a Swedish television company also shows Baiano pulling Flo.

"The referee, from his angle, took a decision and played it as he saw it direct and straightforward." Will said. "You can look at television and photographs and pictures on the Internet. But the referee has to make a decision on the field in a split second as he sees it."

Laszlo Vagner, a Hungarian referee, nullified a goal that would have put Camcroon ahead of Chile 2-1, where replays showed contact, but no clear foul. The 1-1 tie meant Chile advanced and Cameroon

Both Baharmast and Vagner were appointed Thursday as reserve referees for second round matches.

Will dismissed charges of political favoritism as "just ridiculous." He said,
"The referees are not the slightest bit interested in the political situation. They are simply refereeing the game."

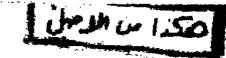


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MONTPELLIER - Two headed second-half goals gave Germany a 2-0 victory over Iran on Thursday and first place in Group F.

Germany won the group on goal differential ahead of Yugoslavia, which defeated the United States, 1-0, in the night's other match. Iran, which scored its first-ever World Cup victory, over the United States on Sunday, was elimin-

The Germans will return to Montpellier on Monday to play Mexico in the second round.

Iran needed to win the match to eliminate the Germans and advance to the second round in their place. But, while

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they defended doggedly for most of the match, the Iranians rarely looked like scoring themselves.

Germany pressed for most of the first half but was unable to break down a stubborn Iran defense.

A shot over the bar by Oliver Bierhoff after four minutes and a miss-hit volley by Thomas Haessler were the closest the three-times champions came to scoring as poor passing brought most of their moves to a premature end.

German frustration showed after 32 minutes when captain Jurgen Klinsmann was cautioned for dissent.

Five minutes before the interval Karim Bagheri hit a long-range shot from a free kick which Andreas Koepke, the German goalkeeper, just managed to save, diving

down low at his right-hand post.

At half time, Berti Vogts pulled off Olaf Thon, the libero, moved Lothar Matthaeus, who had started in midfield, back into defense and brought on Di-



Mehdi Pashazadeh of Iran sweeping past Thomas Hassler of Germany on Thursday. Germany triumphed, 2-0.

etmar Hamann. The second half began ran into space near the corner flag and with some uncompromising tackling from both teams. German midfielder Thomas Haessler and Iran forward Ali Daei were both shown yellow cards for untidy challenges. Then Bierhoff, who had earned Germany a draw against Yugoslavia with a late goal, gave them the lead in the 50th minute. After a clever build-up on the right, Haessler

swung a cross into the goal mouth. Bierhoff outjumped the defense and beat the flatfooted Ahmad Abedzadeh. the tranian goalkeeper, with a downward header.

The second goal, in the 58th minute, was also a well-crafted piece of soccer. Jorg Heinrich chased down a long pass and one-touched the ball right to Bier-

hoff, who one-tirned his shot off the left post. Klinsmann was there for the easy rebound, putting it in with an acrobatic,

Before the game, the German foreign minister, Klaus Kinkel, met with French police and expressed his government's sympathy for the French police officer who was beaten into a coma by German hooligans Sunday. (AP. Reuters, AFP)

Luckless United States Loses, 1-0, And Heads Home Without Victory

NANTES, France - Yugoslavia beat the United States, 1-0, Thursday in a match that turned out to be meaningless for both teams.

The Americans, who already had been eliminated, merely were playing for pride. As it turned out, so were the

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Yugoslavs, who already had clinched a place in the second round and hoped for a big victory to overtake Germany on goal difference and advance as the winner from Group F.

But a 2-0 victory by Germany over Iran in Montpellier squelched those hopes, and the second half turned into a midfield quagmire.

For the second straight game the match had political overtones for the Americans, who were coming off a 2-1

The Yugoslavs scored after three minutes, and finished the match strolling round the field in complete control, but for much of the first half they were unable — or unwilling — to

suppress the energetic Americans. From the time they scored, Yugoslavia seemed content to settle for one-goal margin --- despite coach Slobodan Santrac's statements before the match that they would go flat out for

As against Iran, the Americans dominated possession early and hit the post quickly only to be frustrated.

Frankie Hejduk sent a falling cross that got over the head of goalkeeper Ivica Kralj and struck the far post after 24 seconds, but the Yugoslavs cleared and absorbed several American forays in the first 45 minutes.

The Yugoslav goal came on its second shot and first threatening chance

35-meter free kick that American goalkeeper Brad Friedel, playing in his first match in the World Cup finals, twohanded away but straight at Slobodan Komljenovic.

Komljenovic, who was standing beyond the goal and almost on the goal line, guided his header back inside the post, behind the recovering Friedel and

into the goal. The goal didn't seem to slow the Americans, who continued to push forward and got a powerful header from the top of the box out of Brian McBride that

Krali handled in the 15th minute. Heiduk put another shot on goal with a scissors kick in the 25th, and the Americans generally created more

chances than the Yugosiavs. One of Yugoslavia's serious chances came in the 28th minute when Savo Milosevic blasted a shot from the right

that Friedel had to punch away. The Yugoslavs slowed the Americans in the second half, limiting them to a handful of serious chances, but not

creating much more themselves. About the only excitement for either team came in the way of substitutions. Yugoslavia brought on Dejan Savicevic, the AC Milan forward, for his first action in two months and

Yugoslav native Preki Radosavljevic

came on for the United States against his former countrymen. The match was being played at a time of political tension between the two nations. Richard Holbrooke, U.S. envoy to the United Nations, was in Yugoslavia in a last-ditch attempt to end fighting between Yugoslav security

Province. Yugoslavia's reward for finishing second is a meeting with the Netherlands in the second round in Toulouse

forces and ethnic Albanians in Kosovo

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England and Colombia: Crunch Time

Argentina vs. Croatia, Bordeaux, 4 P.M. Group H reaches a dead end Friday, when the more interesting game will probably be the one between two teams that have already been eliminated, Japan and Jamaica.

Argentina and Croatia, both already assured of a place in the second round, play each other in Bordeaux with first place in the group as a prize, but it is not much of a prize.

The second-place team will play the winner of Group G (probably Romania but possibly England or Colombia), while the winner will play the secondplace team in Group G (England, Colombia or, perhaps, Romania). Croaneeds a victory to p

of first place. Daniel Passarella, the Argentine coach who has announced he will step down after the World Cup, will probably not risk the defenders Roberto Sensini, who is injured, and Jose Chamot, who would miss the second round if he receives a yellow card.

Miroslav Blazevic, the Croatian coach, has promised to field his strongest team. Zvonimir Boban, the Croatian captain, is likely to return after a leg injury.

Jamaica vs. Japan, Lyon, 4 P.M. Pride is at stake in Lyon where two teams in their first World Cup will both be playing their last match but seeking their first victory. Jamaica has a slight edge: it at least has scored a goal.

Takeshi Okada, the Japanese coach, has said his team will be more offensive. The defender Eisuke Nakanishi is sus-

pended. Rene Simoes, the Jamaican coach, said, "Just being here was great for

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Jamaica and if we take the chances we've been making we should finish on a high note," he said.

It will be the last match of Robbie Earle's brief international career; the 33-year old Briton, who scored Jatia, has said this will be his last international.

hardly matters what happens between Romania and Tunisia, the final place in the second round will be decided in a straight battle between Colombia and

England. Colombia needs to win to push England out of second place.

Both teams have struggled to score, and both could start young strikers. Mi-chael Owen, 18, of England, and Leider Preciado, 21, of Colombia, both came on as substitutes in their countries' previous matches and scored.

Preciado's goal against Tunisia was the only one Colombia has scored so

Glenn Hoddle has indicated that he will pick Owen. Hernan Dario Gomez, the Colombian coach, has been more guarded about Preciado.

The Colombians will have been encouraged by the sight of the English midfielders struggling hopelessly to regain possession against Romania's accurate passing. If there is one thing the Colombians can do better than anyone, it is pass the ball around in midfield.

mania vs. Tunis, Saint-Denis, 9 P.M. Romania is already through and may field a less than full-strength team.

Five Romanian players — the derescu and Liviu Ciobotariu and the midfielders Gheorghe Hagi and Dorinel Munteanu — all have one yellow card and will miss the next match if they

receive another against Tunisia. The midfielder Ovidiu Stinga is out with ligament problems and will miss the rest of the tournament.

Anghel Iordansecu, the Romanian

coach, also thinks some players need a

The best Tunisia can hope for is to end a run of four World Cup matches without scoring dating back to their last finals appearance in 1978. (AP, AFP, Reuters)





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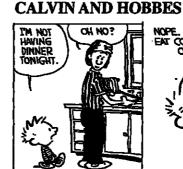












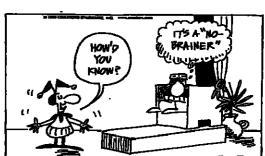


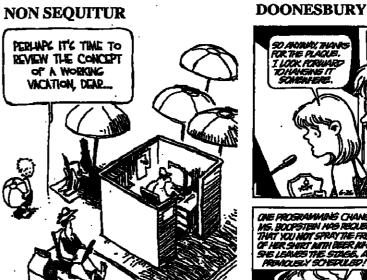
















OKAY, RECPLE, I GLESSTHATS ABOUT IT! WELL GET BACK TO THE SCREENINGS AFTER

By Seth Faison New York Times Service

VIAN, China - Just out-⚠ side the archaeological dig that made this ancient city famous sit two old farmers who share at least three things: the name Yang, the stubble of a not too recently shaved head and the claim to have unearthed China's greatest historical find of the century.

 It is such a spectacular site - an army of terra-cotta warriors built to guard the tomb of Qin Shihuang, the emperor who unified China in 220 B.C. -- that President Bill Clinton is making his first stop here ally bad drought prompted the when he arrives in China.

Yet Clinton, traveling with an entourage of more than 1,000, may not have a chance to stop and meet either of these two men. And that is too bad, because they tell quite a tale. Two different tales, actually.

"I found the soldiers," asserted Yang Quanyi, 70, the older and shorter of the two. who now works in a gift shop signing coffee-table books about the soldiers. "Don't believe what other people tell you." As if to prove his claim, Yang pointed at the enormous color sign hanging over his table, "The Man Who Discovered the Terra-Cotta War-. riors, Yang Quanyi.

If Yang seems inept at de-scribing how he actually made the discovery, he tries to make up for it by saying over and over, in a conspiratorial whisper, that it was indeed he

who made the big find. In a nearby building, beside another collection of touristy kitsch, the other Yang also spends his days posing for prefer sitting in a tourist shop, photographs and signing his signing picture books for \$35 name. At 60, Yang Zhifa is a month, to tilling the fields,

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graph. But his amiable demeanor vanishes when his

competitor's name comes up. "If he can claim he found it, so can you!" he said, frowning sternly. "Ask him what time of day the discoverv was made. Éh? Ask him what day and what time, and see what he says.'

Encouraged to put aside the dispute for a moment and tell his story, Yang Zhifa regained his calm and explained how the terra-cotta warriors had come to be unearthed. In March 1974 an unusu-

local commune leader to send several farmers to dig a well in Lintong, just outside Xian. It was about noon on the third day of digging, Yang Zhifa said, when he and another farmer were six feet deep in a cylindrical hole and his shovel hit something hard. Digging it out, Yang Zhifa saw the better part of a torso-shaped piece of terra cotta, carved in the shape of a warrior's tunic, he said. As it turned out, the site of the well was only inches in-

of the underground vault. No written record of the terra-cotta vault existed, so archaeologists were stunned as they uncovered its full length, several hundred yards - and then found three smaller vaults behind it. The excav-ation continues and will prob-

side the original front entrance

ably take decades longer. At the tourist stores outside the site, the two old farmers may continue their competing claims for just as long.

Regardless of the competing claims, the two Yangs can agree on one thing: They tall, kindly farmer, happy to no matter what may lurk be-smile and pose for a photo-neath the soil.

In Britain, a Slow Burn Over the Arts Gets Hotter

By Warren Hoge New York Times Service

ONDON - A number of Britain's best-Lknown performing arts institutions are in financial crisis, and directors and producers are assailing the government of Prime Min-ister Tony Blair for aggravating their plight by devoting too much of its attention to popular culture.

In a debate fueled by a combustible mixture of hurt, anger and lost money, they are accusing the government of cheating treasured British stage and concert hall traditions and directing funds only to art forms that it believes have contemporary relevance, wide appeal and economic potential.

They talk about how Dylan is really as

good as John Keats, they bang on about populism, Cool Britannia, and they seem to favor film, television, video, rock music, architecture, design, and not to favor classical music, dance and theater," said Sir Peter Hall, the director who is a former head of the National Theatre and the Royal Shakespeare Company. He said he had concluded that "they are hostile to the arts."

The performing arts leaders, trained to assign dramatic importance to subtle changes in behavior, have been alarmed by the atmospherics surrounding the debate. Many more government ministers show up these days at pop music awards ceremonies than in theaters and opera houses, and the ceremonial rooms at the prime minister's official residence, 10 Downing Street, have increasingly become scenes of cocktail parties for glamorous stars of television, movies and rock.

John Tusa, 62, chairman of the Barbican Center, the stage, concert hall and movie complex in the center of London, said the 45year-old Blair and his colleagues were victims of a 1960s generation mind-set. "They are much less anached in every sense - in their experience, in their knowledge and in their beliefs - to whatever we're encumbered with, the Western history and culture that are

our intellectual moorings," he said.

The Labour government has continued the Conservatives' policy of reducing subsidies to arts groups, and budget deficits have forced regional theaters to close, orchestras to make survival cutbacks in programming and museums to charge admission. In a letter to Culture Secretary Chris Smith last, week, Sir Colin Southgate, chairman of the Royal



Two actors in the drama: Robinson of Granada Group, left, and Eyre.

grant was doubled.

Assistance to the arts, including the yearly \$300 million grant to the Arts Council, which distributes government funds, has not in-creased since 1993, and the council estimates that this has amounted to a cut of 15 percent in real terms. When Labour came to power 14 months ago for the first time in 18 years, people in the arts clung to the notion that it would loosen the government's grip on money. In fact, the Labour platform pledged the party would abide by Conservative spending limits the first two years in office, and no exception has been made for the arts.

Hostilities came to a head late last month when some prominent people in theater and dance resigned en masse from their Arts Council panels. They were protesting a decision by the council's new chairman. Gerry Robinson, the chairman of Granada Group, the television, hotel and theme-park conglomerate, that appeared to exclude people Opera House at Covent Garden, said the from the arts in decision making on culture

historic hall would not be able to reopen after its renovation unless its annual \$24 million grant was doubled. subsidies. Sixty directors, producers and playwrights led by Hall, Sir Cameron Mack-intosh and Sir Alan Ayckbourn wrote a letter to Smith saying they would have no more dealings with the council.

Sir Richard Eyre, former director of the National Theatre, made an impassioned speech defending theater at the annual Royal Academy dinner May 27 in which he turned the name of the arts' onetime Conservative nemesis to his advantage.

"Working in the theater." he said, "I sometimes feel like a thatcher - the sort that cuts up straw, not cabinets - in pursuit of a craft that seems increasingly anomalous when set aside the confident certainties of video games and 'Terminator 2.' 'Electronic games are a \$1.5 billion business for Britain, and the Culture Ministry has singled

A particularly galling example to the government's critics is the Greenwich Theatre, which folded on March 28 when it lost its \$330,000 grant. The now darkened stage is in the same neighborhood as the govern-

ment-sponsored \$1.2 billion Millennium Dome, the vast new arena going up on the Greenwich meridian as the centerpiece of Britain's commemoration of the new cen-

The dome has become a convenient symbol for the distressed champions of high culture, because the government has hinted that it plans to use it to portray British culture with trade-show presentations, multimedia themepark attractions and virtual-reality displays. It will be the largest building of its kind in the world, more than twice the size of the current tape breaker, the Georgia Dome in Atlanta Blair visited the site on Monday for a ceremony marking the completion of the highest point of the dome roof and proclaimed it a showcase of "the best of British."

Hugo Young, columnist for The Guardian, said, "Many temples of great culture all over the country are struggling to survive. While a fortune exceeding that spent on the entire Getty Museum in Los Angeles, which was built for the centuries to house work for the ages, is lavished on a cultural statement that is proud to proclaim its utter ephemerality."

Smith has defended the government's approach to supporting the arts as one that rewards tighter management and celebrates endeavors that are accessible to the most people, help educate people in the arts and have "economic significance." He said the government found it easy to back the \$7 billion popular-music industry because it 'doesn't need nannying, it doesn't even need a raft of tax incentives or handouts from the state." He has said that he hoped to stimulate the "creative industries" that amount to an \$82 billion enterprise in Britain, creating jobs, exports and allure.

A Parliamentary committee this month took a different view, saying that Smith was "obsessed with the glamorous and trivial matters." An editorial in The Evening Standard said that Smith was demonstrating that "even highly educated Labour ministers have become infected with the sort of old populist nonsense that equates reggae music with Beethoven, which holds that if there is no mass audience for something, it can't be worth much - or at least many votes."

The original Conservative cuts were made in the name of seeking more support from the private sector. Private donations to culture are rising in Britain, but they do not come close to levels of giving in the United States, and people in the arts here believe they never will. "It's not in our tradition," said Hall.





Moore's publicist said. Pat Kingsley declined to elaborate on whether it was a separation or a divorce, and she could not say who would have custody of the couple's three daughters. Willis and Moore were married on Nov. 21, 1987. Willis's publicist, Paul Bloch, said that the statement was true but that because it was released by Kingsley he would have no further comment.

The Kennedy Center in Washington has received a \$7 ecause of the gift, the theater than 40 years, was a partner in the tax department office of do not invade people's privacy. Arnold & Porter for three decades.

vehicular homicide and sentenced to six months in prison. Foreign Office said Paul McCartney's daughter, a 26-year-According to the District Court verdict, the operatta singer had old designer for the Paris fashion house Chloe, cited work Moore and Willis, their publicists say, are splitsville. at least twice the legal limit of alcohol in his blood when the pressures in stepping down from Panel 2000.

ONE of Hollywood's highest-profile couples, Bruce Willis car he was driving hit and killed a 38-year-old woman walking and Demi Moore, are ending their decade-long marriage, down the street. A prosecutor's office spokesman said the prison sentence could be exchanged for 240 hours of community service, adding that Bakker was also banned from driving for one year.

Representing Tom Cruise and Nicole Kidman, the heavyweight Hollywood lawyer Bert Fields says he is planning to sic federal and state prosecutors on The Globe, a supermarket tabloid, for printing what is said to be the contents of a private million bequest — its largest single gift ever — from a trust telephone conversation between the couple. In an article with created by Carolyn Agger, the Washington lawyer and the headline "Is Tom Cruise's Marriage Hanging by a widow of former Supreme Court Justice Abe Fortas, who Thread?," published in The Globe's June 30 issue, the newsdied in 1996. The grant will help to support and expand the paper says that in the taped conversation both complain about chamber music programming at the center's Terrace Theater, the state of their marriage. Fields characterized the tape as which Fortas helped build. Because of the gift, the theater "nhony," said it was annarently soliced together from several "will be able to continue its role as a leading presenter of the conversations that had been illegally intercepted. He said he world's great chamber music artists," said James Johnson. intended to file civil lawsuits as well. Tony Frost, editor of the center's chairman. Agger, a Washington lawyer for more The Globe, said, "The Globe does not break the law, and we

Stella McCartney has quit a government-appointed panel The Dutch singer Marco Bakker was found guilty of that has been assigned to modernize Britain's image. The

Sad End to Chinese Opera Saga:

New York Times Service S HANGHAI — After a final round of negotiations failed to yield a compromise, the Bureau of Culture here has refused to let a classic Chinese opera be staged next month at the Lincoln Center Festival in New York:

The festival's director, Nigel Redden, said late Wednesday night that Shanghai officials maintained that the production of the opera, "The Peony Pavilion," would have to be extensively revised to better reflect Chinese tradition before it would be allowed to travel to the festival. He said the officials insisted on a new set of rehearsals that would make it impossible for the opera, a 20-hour production that was to have been presented in several segments, to open July 7 as planned.

In Paris, meanwhile, an arts festival that is co-producing the opera with Lincoln Center expressed "astonishment" that the Kungu Opera Company had been barred from New settle the problem. Josephine Markovits, artistic director of the Festival d'Automne a Paris, said she had been working to reverse the Shanghai Bureau of Culture's decision through diplomatic channels and in coordination with Lincoln Center. "We decided to keep a low profile in the hope that this would help." she said, commenting on the absence of reports of the incident in French newspapers.

After performances in New York next month and Paris in November, the opera was to have gone to Caen in December and to Sydney and Hong Kong in January.



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